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THE JERUSALEM

By BATSHEVA TSUR

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Sharon, who was defense minis-

ter in 1982 when the war began

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minister, immediately announced

that he would appeal the verdict to

The court ordered Sharon - who

was not present while the verdict

was read - to pay legal and court costs of NIS 35,000.

do we have all the historical facts

before us," Judge Moshe Talgam said in his verdict. "But we have

sufficient evidence to prove that

what was writteo is based on truth...

The government had not granted Sharon permission to wage an all-

out war in Lebanon, but had limit-

ed him to a 40-kilometer stretch

within Lebanese territory, the judge said. Sharon, he added, had

followed a cootingency plan of his own that did not receive govern-

The libel suit followed a May 1991 article in Ha'aretz, in which

journalist Uzi Benziman wrote that

"Although Menachem Begin

well knew that Sharoo had

deceived him," Benziman wrote,

"he did not want to hide behind the

minister his personal responsibility

as prime minister for the war, its

upheavals, its results, and particu-

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Dalia Rabin-Pelosoff and Leah Rabin visit Yitzhak Rabin's grave at Mt. Herzl yesterday. (Issue Hursti)

Two years after assassination

Rabin remembered

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Thousands attended a commemorative rally last night on the second anniversary of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, at the memorial sculpture behind Tel Aviv's City Hall, where he was

"The government of Israel announces with profound shock...," the recording of Eitan Haber announcing Rabin's death opened the rally, which launched a week of memorial events and protests.

The walls on either side of the enclosure were covered with painted portraits of Rabin, and the memorial stone was covered with wreaths of flowers, poems, letters, and hundreds of flickering memorial candles, placed there by thou-sands of people during the day. "Here was murdered the hope of

a better future for us and for our children," said rally host Shaike Levy, of the Hagashash Hahiver comedy group. "We call out today, haver, we miss you; we will con-

tinue in your way."
Rabin's daoghter, Dalia Rabin-Pelosoff, said that with every pass-ing day Rahin's truth is proven more clearly, and that he has turned into "a prophet, a myth, a martyr against our will."

Tel Aviv University ethicist Prof. Assa Kasher said that "Rabin was murdered, and with him, democracy was shot. Rabin was murdered to destroy peace, hur people of morals and justice will ool let democracy and peace die.

The second second The second secon "We know in what right-wing flower bed the murderer grew. We do not blame the entire right-wing or all religious people, but we know how many thousands con-Land State Control of the Control of done the murder and how many are still prepared to commit mur-

Meital Trabelsky sang Naomi



Shemer's translation of Walt in remembering him for the sec-Whitman's "O Captain, My ond anniversary, because he was Captain," a poem in memory of Abraham Lincoln, and Shlomo Gronich and a string quintet played The End of The Age of Innocence," which he composed

in Rahin's memory. At 9:45 p.m., the time when Rabin was shot, a siren sounded and the crowd stood silent for one minute. Then Rahin's favorite song, "Friendship," was played.

Throughout the day hundreds of people came to Rabin's memorial. standing in silence or sitting in small circles, singing or crying. They were mostly young people, many of them soldiers. More and more arrived during the evening. many waiting several hours for the

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Earlier in the day, a hrief memorial service took place at Rabio's grave on Mt. Herzl for family members, close friends, and MKs, which was also attended by a couple of hundred others who had come to pay their respects.

Whitman's "O Captain, My Captain" was read there as well, and a comrade from his Palmah days recalled his gallantry.

Rabin's widow Leah stood silently during the service, staring ahead at three wreaths and dozens of bouquets that were placed oo top and alongside the grave. She was flanked by Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak on her right, and MK Shimon Peres on her left. The crowd then sang "Eli, Eli,"

down. Speaking to reporters afterward, Rahin said that although it was a very sad day for her, "in a way, it's comforting that so many people actually the whole country - are remembering the date. It is heartwarming when you see that the newspapers and the radio and the whole country are really engaged

at which point Leah Rabin broke

ond anniversary, because he was towering above all of us together. He was a tower of a human being, and it was an awful loss."

Peres said that the assassination "was a tragic moment, a painful moment, an unforgettable moment, but his colleagues and we shall do whatever we can to carry on with the peace process. Nobody will stop us, and nobody will frighten us."

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat also mourned Rahin yesterday, saying, "We have to remember who we lost. He was the man of peace not only for the Palestinians, hut for Israelis, Arabs, and the international community. I am sending my best regards to my sister - his wife and all his family."

The day's events were clouded over as much hy the weather as the recently renewed talk of an assassination conspiracy and accusing fingers pointing right and left over the issue of incitement.

Former Supreme Court president Meir Shamgar, who headed the probe into the murder two years ago, said the government is entitled to publish the confidential section of the inquiry commissioo's report dealing with the security services and the role of alleged General Security Service agent Avishai Raviv.

Labor MKs, meanwhile, sent a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu askiog that he oot address the memorial Knesset session next week unless he apologizes for "his contribution to the atmosphere of incitement that led to the murder," and for his "continuiog incitement against the Left."

Last night in Jerusalem, over 1,000 people demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Residence, chanting slogans, blowing whistles, and holding aloft posters with a picture of Rabin across the top with the words, "We will not forget," and a picture of Netanyahu across the bottom with the words, "We will

oot forgive." A counter-protest took place down the street, where five men held aloft signs saying, "The left incited, the left incites, the left will

I'll fight for 20 years - Sharon Ariel Sharon led prime minister Menachem Begin and his government astray during the Lebanon War, and thus his charges of libel

Sharon misled Begin

TA District Court rules in libel case:

By SARAH HONIG Despite his smarting loss in court, a resolute and confidentlooking Ariel Sharon vowed yesterday that he would keep on fighting "the libel that Ha'aretz perpetrated, even if it takes me 20 additional years and even if everyone else forgets all about it. I haven't forgotten and I know the

Speaking at a press conference in his Tel Aviv bureau last night, Sharon demanded that the documents and full protocols of the cabinet sessions throughout the 1982 Lebanon War be opened up, so that be could prove his asser-

He described the court's decision as "full of severe and regrettable errors.

Sharon said he has no intendon of quitting politics and depicted himself as "the victim of incitement and systematic character assassination."

With his wife sitting at his side, Sharon insisted that 'not one single decision during the war was taken without [prime minister Menachem] Begin's knowledge and approval, and in many cases



at his own initiative. Moreover, each and every one of these decisions was brought to the cabinet and duly ratified." He described his defeat in court

as "only one phase in the legal process. We have a Supreme Court and I will take my case to it... In my case against Time magazine's slander over the Sabra and Shatilla issue, I walked a long complex route, and so it will probably also have to he in this case... I doo't for a minute regret my suit against Ha' aretz for printing lies."

Friends often counseled him to desist and let things be, he said. They tell me that much time had gone hy and that many people no longer even know what happened then and that others have forgotten. But I can never forget. I am the one who is demanding this

After so many years, Sharon argued, "the orne has come to open up the government files, protocols, and documents so that an unequivocal answer can be had. If recent protocols were available over the appointment of Ariel Sharon (Yael Somekh/Israel Sum) an attorney-general, then why can much older documents oot be

> At the end of his statement, Sharon played a videotape of an interview Begin granted Israel Television on June 15, 1982, in which be was asked whether Sharon had misled him about the true objectives of the war. "This is utter oonsense and wicked talk. It never was... this is idle chatter," Begin replied.

> The consensus in the Likud was that while Sharon may have suffered a personal blow, the episode will have no bearing on his current political standing.

The gray areas of war powers

ANALYSIS

Ariel Sharon's libel suit against Ha'aretz and jour- good faith and represented the truth, according to nalist Uzi Benziman raises the issue of civilian the evidence presented in court.

oversight over the defense establishment. The court's dismissal of the suit shows there is a need to lay Kadishai, Begin's longtime aide down better rules regarding war powers and decisioo-making procedures in war.

Benziman, in an Israel Radio This was not the first time that Sharon's role in the 1982 Lebanoo War was adjudiinterview, said he was pleased with cated in court. An American court had heard his the outcome, but disappointed by libel suit against Time magazine, which wrote that the atotude of people who had he had instigated the Sahra and Shatilla massacre.

"It was frustrating," he said. His conduct with regard to the massacre was also Both politicians and generals, who the subject of the Kahan Commission of Inquiry. had spoken freely off the record, Sharon was deeply wounded by the Kahan had refused to come out in open Commission's recommendation that he be removed court and present their allegations as defense minister, a recommendation implement-

ed hy prime minister Menachem Begin. The dismissal of his suit comes as a great disappointment for Sharon in his long-term effort to exonerate himself from the Kahan Commission's

l am surprised that Sharon is still dealing with state affairs. It is high time for him to return to his

Deputy Court Presideot Moshe Talgam ruled that what Benziman wrote - "Menachem Begin knew

The judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court in well that Sharoo deceived him" - was written in

Talgam beld that Sharon received approval from Begin and the cabinet for a limited operation, but actually launched a much wider military

operation. He qualified his ruling by saying he was not establishing historical facts about the decisions and acoons of the cahinet or

prime minister in the Lehanon War, only making findings of fact for the purpose of the trial. Nonetheless, the ruling will echo strongly in the

political corridors and in Likud headquarters. From a legal point of view, the judgment provides additional weight to the conclusions of the Kahan Commission. Should his appeal be rejected by the

Supreme Court, Sharon's dream of returning to the Defense Ministry someday will he dashed. In light of the ruling, meanwhile, the government must seriously determine the reforms required to

clarify the fog surrounding the gray areas of war powers and decisioo making. The writer is a professor of law at the Hebrew

University and a former Labor cabinet minister.

Progress on seaport in talks with Palestinians

By HILLEL KUTTLER

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WASHINGTON - Israeli-Palesónian negodadons began in earnest yesterday, with progress reported on the issue of establishing a Palestinian seaport in Gaza. Discussions on port security will take place in the region at another

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time, an Israeli official said. Both sides had been determined to show movement on the port talks in advance of a donors meeting tomorrow and Friday at which a fundraising pitch is expected to be made.

Foreign Minister David Levy and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas met at a suhurban location with US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, as discussions began on how to springboard to final-status

The meeting was interrupted when Ross had to leave to meet with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, hut it was to be

resumed last night.

Negotiations on opening the Palestinian airport at Dahaniya, as well as a Gaza-West Bank safe passage route, will begin today when Palestiniao oegotiators аптіче.

In an interview with PBS' Newshour with Jim Lehrer, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said Monday night that "so far we haven't seen" a coosistent PA crackdown on terrorism.

He complained about the PA's continuing "revolving door" policv of arresting and releasing suspected Hamas terrorists. Once the PA takes more accon

against terrorism, "we'll be able to move on all fronts on the peace process," Netanyahu said. "If it doesn't... peace is not going to move ahead."

In Amman, Jordan's King Hussein cast doubt on Netanyahu's commitment to peace, Reuters reported.

"The peace process and its continuation depends on whether there is a real wish from the Israeli side at the responsible level to progress towards peace... this is the problem." Hussein said.

"Ûnfortunately we live in a world where we cannot say that everybody deals in the same mentality and the same ethics and morals," he told reporters.

Iraq extends deadline for US inspectors

By ANTHONY GOODMAN

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) -Iraq has agreed not to expel any American UN arms inspectors while a visiting UN delegation seeking to overturn Baghdad's expulsion order is in the country, a UN spokesman said vesterday This will mean a respite of close

to 48 hours. Iraq last week ordered all US members of the UN weapons inspeccion team - there are six currently in Iraq - to leave by 1

a.m. Baghdad time tomorrow. A three-member UN delegation seeking to get the expulsion order rescinded is due in Baghdad today and was expected to remain until

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in a telephone conversation with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz, asked for the deadline to be extended to allow time for the UN team to hold talks with him and other Iraqi officials.

"The secretary-general is pleased to announce that Mr. Tareq Aziz has informed him that the government of Iraq will comply with his request. He has been assured that no members of the [UN weapons inspection] team will be expelled from Iraq while his envoys are in the country," UN

spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

The secretary-general welcomes this accorn as a positive beginning," the UN statement said. It added that the task of the UN team in meeting with Aziz

'tragi attack on Israel unlikely,' Page 4

"will be both delicate and difficolt. Let's all wish them success."

The UN delegation sent to try to overturn the Iraqi ban is headed hy former Algerian foreign minister Lakhdar Brahimi, currectly a UN special envoy on Afghanistan. The other members are former Argentine UN representative Emilio Cardenas and Jan Eliasson of Sweden, a former ambassador to the United Nations and onetime undersecretary-geogral

humanitarian affairs. Iraq said last Wednesday it was expelling US members of the UN special commission in charge of scrapping Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction because they were purposely delaying the completion of the commission's work.

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NEWS

in brief

CIA warned Israel might become Soviet client

The Central Intelligence Agency warned US president Harry Truman in 1948 that Israel might become a Soviet client, newly declassified documents show. Formation of a Jewish state in Palestine will enable the USSR to intensify its efforts to expand Soviet influence in the Near East and to perpetuate a chaotic condition there," the CIA said, in a report sent to Truman on May 14, 1948, the day the state was proclaimed.

The records of early CIA thinking about Israel were made public late last month in conjunction with a CIA-sponsored sympo-sium on early Cold War perceptions of the Soviet threat. Reuters

Egyptians to set up peace camp

Some 300 prominent Egyptians plan to set up a peace movement to build links with Israelis who oppose Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's policy. "This is the first peace camp in Egypt and we aim to team up with peace movements in Israel, Europe, and the US and create an active and effective public opinion in favor of a comprehensive peace settlement," Salah Bassiouni, spokesman for the fledgling Cairo Peace Movement,

Monitoring group accepts Israeli complaint

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group yesterday accepted Israel's complaint about an incident Sunday in which a Lebanese woman was wounded and several homes were damaged in Rehan

village, inside the security zone, by Hizbullah fire.

The five-nation monitoring committee, meeting at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura, reiterated its call to the sides to adhere to the Grapes of Wrath understandings and take all necessary precantions to prevent civilians from being harmed. David Rudge

Shamgar: Government can publish secret assassination findings

By BATSHEVA TSUR

As political leaders and security experts refuted claims of a conspiracy behind the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, former Snpreme Court president Meir Shamgar said the government was entitled to publish the confidential section of the inquiry commission's report.

Shamgar, who headed the probe into the murder two years ago, said that at least part of a secret section dealing with the security services and the role of alleged GSS agent Avishai Raviv, could be made public. Raviv, an alleged former right-wing activist, was also accused of having ties with Rabin assassin Yigal Amir.

In the report, Sbamgar dismissed the notion of a conspiracy, saying it had been examined and found to be a misinterpretation of facts.

Attorney-Geoeral Elyakim

Rubinstein said he thought the commission had exhausted investigation into possible conspiracies. Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, meanwhile, is believed to have asked for an investigation into a new conspiracy theory published this week by the National Religious Party daily Hattofeh.

Taken from an Internet site, the

of a plot against him and ordered the bullets changed to bianks, but that then-foreign minister Shimon Peres authorized a deal with a senior GSS officer to retain the live builets in return for an appointment as head of the service.

Neeman reportedly applied last night to Peres for any insuit incurred by asking for a probe into Police Inspector-General Assaf

Hefetz told Israel Radio yesterday

that he had found no evidence to support these allegations in the confidential section of the Shamgar Report, and that he saw no reason for further investigation. "It is a lot of tubbish," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said of the theory while visiting Beersneba, "There was never any such thing. Elements on the Left are trying to foment trouble instead of

uniting the nation on this day." Justice Minister Tzani Hanegbi saio "those who spread the conspiracy theory are like those who try to deny the Holocaust. The techniques of those who created the conspiracy theory that Shimon Peres or the GSS were benind the slaying are idenocal (to those of Holocaust deniers]. They spread doubts, all kinds of questions, so

theory proposed that Rabin knew that all the weak and confused peo-of a plot against him and ordered pie, the naive people, will begin to denounced Weiss' statement that pie, the naive people, will begin to ask themselves - was there really an assassination or not?"

Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a former deputy GSS head, also rejected the theory, but thought there was room to prope aspects of Raviv's behavior.

Peres said he thought the theory was "one of the ugliest things that happened in our society." Labor Party leader Ehud Barak

called it "a kind of incitement, an attempt to rewrite history. The Shamgar inquiry commission already made it clear that it's totaliy baseless. The very raising of it once again is an attempt to distort both history and the real meaning of what disester happened, when Rabin was assassinated."

Uzi Landau (Likud), chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, also rejected the conspiracy theories as items "that don't even bear thinking about," he said. The Knesset is to debate several motions about Raviv and the conspiracy theories today.

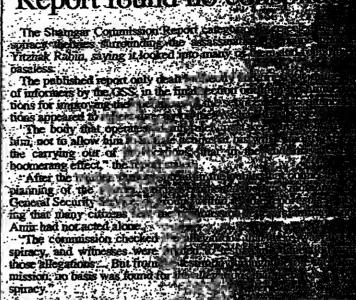
Meanwhile, Itim reported that Bar Ilan University President Moshe Kaveh rejected a call to dismiss literature professor Hillel Weiss for endorsing a conspiracy theory, on Channel 1's Popolitika

the GSS knew in advance of Amir's piot to shoot Rabin. Student Union head Lior

Rothbart urged a boycott of his Rabin's danghter, Dalia Rabinyesterday, "I too am still left with a number of question marks." She said she has asked Rubinstein to see the secret files on Raviv.

Elli Wohlgelernter and Liat win Collins contributed to this report.

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This, in turn, meant that the Security Council could not consider lifting wide-ranging sanctions it imposed on Iraq after Baghdad's

August 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Meanwhile, US President Bill Clinton said of Iraq's threat to shoot down a U-2 plane conducting surveillance for the UN: "that

would be a big mistake." Clinton urged Saddam to let the UN inspection team get on with its

He stressed he wanted a diplomatic solution to the crisis.



Peace Now members demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's Residence in Jerusalem last night. The signs read: 'We will not forget; we will not forgive.'

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In his verdict, Talgam noted Sharon had been severely criti- (716) cized in the war's early days by in R members of the cabinet and by with three senior army officers.

Talgam also criticized Maj-Gen. 1286 (res.) Avigdor Ben-Gal's retrac- and tion in court of remarks be had 220 made several years ago, in which som he had said the war aims were not and approved by the government. Ben-Gal forgot to remind the court that he now has business ties to Sharon, Talgam noted.

Liat Collins adds: "The court's verdict on Ariel: Sbaron should be seen also as the verdict of history. This is the verdict - we've been waiting for it for 15 years," Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said, adding he had claimed from the start that the Lebanon

War was being run by Sharon. MK Yona Yahav (Labor) asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to examine the implications of the verdict on Sharon's suitability to serve as a minister. MK Opbir Pines (Labor) called on Sharon "to draw the necessary conclusions: Resign and quit political life."

Basel parley on Zionism's future

"The Rabin assassination is perhaps the low point in our evolution so far, but it's also important to remember the high points" in the history of Zionism, Tel Aviv University President Prof. Yoram Dinstein said yesterday.

Dinstein was speaking by phone from Basel, where he is participat-ing in the Howard Gilman International Colloquium, entitled "Quo Vadis Zionism?" It was organized by Tel Aviv University and

the University of Basel. "In the jubilee year of Israel, very few people are jubilant," Dinstein said. Aryeh Dean Cohen:

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Labor: PM must apologize for 'incitement'

By LIAT COLLINS

Instead of uniting the House in remembrance, the Knesset memorial session scheduled for oext Wednesday, the Hebrew anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, continued to be the focus of bitter recriminations.

Labor MKs, lead by whip Ra'anan Cohen, yesterday sent a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asking that he not address the session unless he publicly apologizes for "his contribu-oon to the atmosphere of incitement that led to the murder." Coben also said Netanyahu should "apologize for continuing incitement against the Left."

"If you intend to ignore this request, I would thank you in advance for sending one of your ministers [instead] to represent the government at the memorial ceremony," Coheo said. He told Ticbon the faction would oot

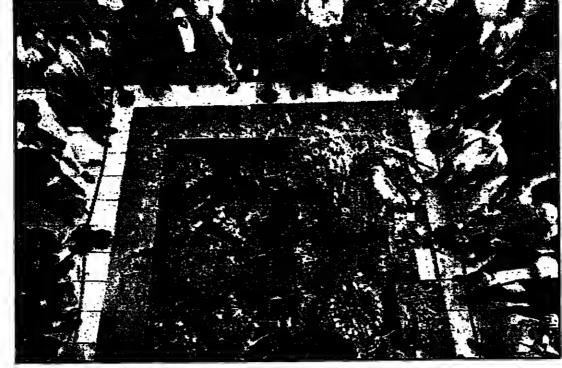
make a protest action in the Knesset but warned he might not be able to stop individual MKs from doing so.

Cohen attached to the letter a copy of a photograph of Netanyahu marching at the head of a protest against the Oslo Accords, in froot of a coffin bear-ing the words: "Rabin is killing Zionism.

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak said: "Netanyahu should look the public in the eyes and apologize."
He said as opposition leader his
philosophy is "strong criticism, yes; incitement, no." He referred questions on the likely behavior of Labor MKs io the plenum to

MK Uzi Landau (Likud), made a plea not to use the memorial as an opportunity for political attacks but as a warning of where hatred can lead.

Asked about the coffin, he noted that this was a commoo protest



A crowd gathers yesterday around the site where Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by Yigal Amir two years ago in Tel Aviv.

device used by students protesting tuition fee bikes and workers protesting dismissals and said the coffin was clearly symbolized the

death of Zionism, oot an incite-ment to murder Rabin. Avraham Ravitz (United Torah

Judaism) called oo Knesset respectable," Ravitz said.
The Knesset presidium and faccanceling the special session -"out of respect for Rabin's memory"- if decorum could not be assured. "It's better that it not be

tion heads met yesterday and considered a proposal to hold a separate meeting on tolerance and incitement, at which all MKs held at all, rather than it not be could express their views.

Schools to mark assassination next Wednesday

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Schools throughout the country will honor the memory of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin oext Wednesday, starting with a flag-lowering ceremony at 8:30

Thereafter, schools will conduct acovities focusing on Rabin's personality, his achievements, and events surrounding his assassination and its meaning for society. School officials will have a special Education Ministry booklet available, offering advice on possible projects and discussions.

The ministry's Psychological Counseling Service yesterday published guidelines for schools, suggesting that pupils be given the

chance to express their feelings on the anniversary.

The recommendations, by Dr. Norman Entin and Hanna Shadmi, include allowing the pupils to find

different ways to express their feelings about the significance of

They also suggest giving the pupils the means with which to deal with their feelings of anger and frustration related to the assassination. The schools have also been advised to spend time dealing with the issue of disagree-ments being a legitimate part of a

the day, the degree to which they miss Rabin, and the significance

of the two years which have

passed since his slaying.

democratic society, and to teach pupils about ways to deal with dis-agreements and the language of discourse. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer recommended establishing "think tanks" in each school to determine what kind of programming should be conducted, to

the popils.
"All children should be involved in these activities."

include the principal, grade advis-ers, the school psychologist, and representatives of the parents and

RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By Yosef Begun

The Russian press this week marked the anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination by joining

the conspiracy bandwagon.

Vesti presents Yevgeny

Krafchick's interview with author Barry Hamisch, who gave Vesti the exclusive rights to translate his latest book, Who Killed Yitzhak Rabin? Hamisch asserts that Rabin's assassination originated in he US "to save the peace process." According to Hamisch, "Rabin was sacrificed to justify the suppression of the 'national movement' which resulted from the Oslo Accords."

He asserts that in early 1995 Rabin started to show signs of having second thoughts about dealing with the PLO. He began to talk too much. And drink too much. Perhaps his conscience had awakened." In some interviews, claims the

author, Rabin admitted that George Bush pressed him to start the negotiations, as did [Henry] Kissinger." Hamisch contends there were people who decided "it was time to

Asked to appear on a recent Popolitica dedicated to Rabin's assassination, his participation was cancelled. "It looks like there is no still place for alternate opinions on Israel TV," says Krafchick.

Novosty Nedeli, the anonymous authors of article "Halacha according to Netanyahu," who use the collective oame "The olim forum of Meretz," said, "Two years ago there were extreme right-wing demonstrations in Jerusalem led by Netanyahu, in which demonstrators carried a coffin bearing the sign 'Rabin.' They wielded banners that screamed 'Rabin is a traitor' and Rabin is a murderer. Two weeks later, Rabin was assassinated... We saw such anti-Jewish slogans in the USSR, such as 'Jews forgot what it means to be loyal citizens' and 'lews: the fifth column."

Primakov's visit

Russia aspires to return to the Middle East as a peacemaker, but its relations with Iran and Syria lemonstrate, as Novosty Nedeli

comments on Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's visit, that "it is the same Russia that has supported Arab countries against Israel for 50 years." Ephraim Ganor, chief editor of the newspaper, says that "Primakov holds an olive branch in one hand and brandishes ballistic missiles in the other"

In Ruski Israeltyanin, Piotor Lukimson, discussing this crucial issue, quotes Primakov's denial of Russia's supplying rockets to Iran:
We are oot such idiots... The situation there can change at any moment, and rockers can easily be turned 180 degrees." Meanwhile, Lukimson says, a high official of Primakov's team did not rule out the possibility that "some private Russian companies can supply weapons technology to Iran."

Avigdor Eskin in Vesti claims that any clever Israeli politician can see the potential benefit for Israel in Russia's desire to return to the Middle East." He criticizes Israeli policy, which he says "reflects the inertia of old attitudes" and observes that "although Primakov is in charge of foreign policy in Moscow, there are high officials who see Islamic expansionism as a genuine threat."

Moment of truth

Yisrael Ba'aliyah is undergoing a serious internal crisis. The leadership of the local and regional councils, according to Vesti, accuse the party administration of "totalitarian methods of management and aversion to openness and democracy." In response to the Vesti inquiry, party leader Natan Sharansky expressed surprise at these

"unfounded accusations."

Novosty Nedell's Ganor states that the party should mobilize all its forces to prepare for the 1998 municipal elections. But the members of the central committee are more involved with "turning the upcoming congress into an arena for an irreconcilable fight. Yisrael Ba'aliya has never been as close to facing the moment of truth as it is now. The municipal elections will be the acid test for the party."

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in brief

Doctors strike public hospitals today

Doctors are to strike public, government, and Kupat Holim Clalit hospitals, as well as psychiatric and geriatric institutions today, the Israel Medical Association said yesterday. The doctors will work a Shabbat schednle, and all non-emergency surgery has been canceled. Outpatient clinics will also be closed. The doctors contend the Treasury has reneged on a March agreement to increase the number of physicians' slots at the hospitals.

Generali appoints reps for Holocaust fund

Assicurazioni Generali, Italy's largest insurer, said it eppointed Israeli trustees to oversee the disbursement of a \$12 million fund to compensate relatives of policy holders who died in the Holocaust. Generali said it was setting up the fund in June. Earlier that month, the Knesset had called for a boycott of Migdal Insurance, a Generali subsidiary, unless the firm dealt with claims by heirs of Holocaust victims who were policyholders. The fund will begin operations in Israel next Tuesday, said Adi Ganani, a spokeswoman for Generali. The trustees will evaluate requests and decide how to disburse money, she said. Bloomberg

Four Palestinians arrested

Soldiers and police arrested four Palestinians from El Khader, near Bethlehem, on Monday night. The IDF Spokesman said yesterday a rifle and bullets were found in one of the Palestinians' homes and police had taken them for tests. Margot Dudkevitch

Youths caught trying to burn Arab olive grove

Police caught two 16-year-old Jewish youths on Monday as they attempted to set fire to an Arab-owned olive grove, near the settlement Ma'aleh Levona in Samaria.

Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said police patrolling the area spotted the two as they lit e fire. Sivan said police completed the investigation last night and the two would be allowed to return to their homes. Sivan said one of the youths told police he wanted to set fire to the olive grove because he hates Arabs and admitted to belonging to an extreme right-wing movement. Both youths live in Samaria, Sivan said, adding that Margot Dudkevisch police would file charges against them.

Landau seeks source of subcommittee leak

MK Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, is threatening to make members of the subcommittee on secret services undergo a lie detector test to discover the source of a leak on the testimony of Mossad bead Danny Yatom to the subcommittee Monday. Channel 1's Amnon Abramovich reported Monday night on Yatom's eight-hour testimony on the Mashaal Affair, although the subcommittee is meant to work in complete secrecy. "We might as well disband the committee if everything said in it leaks out," Landau said. "People will not talk to it if they known everything they say will later be leaked to journalists," Liat Collins

Soldiers' trial for jail rebellion postponed

The trial of 18 soldiers accused of staging e jailhouse rebellion over the summer was postponed yesterday pending a High Court ruling on their petition to force the IDF to honor an agreement which guaranteed that they would not be tried for the mutiny. Itim

Blumenthal: Burg misleading US Jews on conversion bill

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Immigration and Absorption Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) yesterday accused Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg of widening the rift between Israel and the Diaspora, and of spreading disin-formation among North American Jews about the conversion issue. During a discussion of the lop-

sentatives in elections to the World Zionisi Congress lasi month, Blumenthal said: "The things he [Burg] is saying about the conversion bill are disinformation that does not have pure intentions behind it."

Blumenthal said such disinfor mation leads American Jews to feel they have been shunned and discriminated against, and contributes sided victory scored by the to their feeling distant from the

State of Israel, without understanding the significance of the bill: "A conflagration has erupted in our relations with American Jews,

expressed in the results of these elections, and we must do everything possible to extinguish it." However, Burg asserted that the results reflected frustration,

protest, and anger on the part of

these Jews, some of it as a result of

the conversion bill issue.

Paula Edelstein, of the Israeli Reform Movement, denied there was any disinformation among American Jews.

They feel that Israel is showing contempt for them, so they are reciprocating, and are drifting away from Israel. They feel that Israel is the only state where non-Orthodox Jews are considered second-class citizens, and where they cannot live according to their conscience," she said.

MKs tell police: Take honor killings seriously

By ESTHER HECKT

Eight unsolved murders of women in a single city - Ramle are a phenomenon for which the Internal Security Ministry must give an explanation, MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) said yesterday. This demand came at the end of a Knesset Status of Women Committee discussion of so-called family honor killings. Gozansky is committee vice-chairman for the non-Jewish sector.

We can't expect women [in danger] to turn to the police if they feel the police don't take them seriously," Gozansky said.

There is an unwritten black list " of women marked for killing, according to Na'ila Awad, coordinator of Il Badil, a coalition of organizations fighting domestic violence. The list includes women who have left their homes to study, as well as women who date Jews. wear "immodest" clothes or are seen smoking. "The police know about the list, but refuse to relate to it," Awad charged.

Police representatives at the meeting said it was difficult to gather intelligence about domestic. violence in the Arab sector.

According to Awad, murder is just the last step on the via dolorosa many Arab, Druse and Beduin women tread. Incest, beat-... ings and forced marriages are often the precursors.

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Changing attitudes is crucial, the participants agreed, but attempts to get Moslem and Christian clerics to denounce such killings in their sermons have met with dismal failure. Clerics invited to the meeting did not even bother to show up.

MK Abdul Waheb Darawshe

(Democratic Arab Party) said that local authority heads, MKs and educators also should be enlisted in the struggle.

Dr. Yunis Abu-Rabia warned against assuming Beduin educators have beliefs that differ from those of the population at large.

More Arab women are turning to shelters for battered women throughout the country, and establishing a shelter for them is a top priority, but there are no funds available, said Michal Hanoch Abdut, national supervisor on women's issues in the Social. · Affairs Ministry.

Expert: Iraqi attack on Israel unlikely

By DAVID RUDGE

Iraq is unlikely to launch missile attacks on Israel in the event of further conflict in the Gulf, according to Dr. Michael Eppel of the Middle East department of Haifa University and Oranim College. It is estimated that Iraq still has 15-25 missiles, armed with conventional warheads, which are probably not in very good technical or

mechanical condition, said Eppel. "The possibility of an attack on Israel [in the event of confrontation with the UN] is not very high," he said. "The problem, however, is that [Iraqi President] Saddam Hussein is very unpredictable and therefore we must be aware that there is a certain level of danger.

"The threat from biological and chemical weapons is much greater, but there is no indication that the Iraqis have reached the point of being able to use them effectively and practically. Saddam is preparing for the moment when there will be no international supervision and then he will quickly develop these weapons and bring his missiles up to operational level.

This is primarily to counter what he sees as the threat from Iran. He would probably only use missiles against Israel in the event of confrontation with the US in order to drive a wedge among the Arab states and embarrass them for siding with the Americans."

Eppel said Saddam's desire to limit international supervision of Iraq's weapons and munitions development is one of the reasons for his latest act of "brinkmanship." "Every few months he creates another crisis of one kind or anoth-



A soldier cleans a gas mask at a distribution center in a Jerusalem high school this week. Since the crisis with Iraq began, there have been reports that the number of people rushing to update their (Text: Arieh O'Sullivan; Photo: AP) gas masks has tripled to 6,000 a day.

er, with the Kurds in the north, near the Kuwaiti border, and now

with the US and the UN." he said. "He wants to examine the strength of will of the US and the Security Council and create as much of a rift as possible among the members and the US-led coalition, while continuing to try to ease eco-

nomic sanctions on Iraq. "Saddam also wants to try to humiliate the US and highlight its weaknesses, and he is ready to face the risks, including the possibility of retaliatory bombing and a tightening of sanctions.

"He has survived in the past and believes he will do so in the future. . He can even make use of any retaliatory action for his own position inside Iraq," said Eppel.

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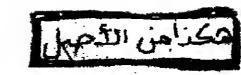
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Hussein loyalists to dominate Jordan parliament

By VIJAY JOSHI

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) - Jordanians drove to polling stations in buses and walked with umbrellas under a steady drizzle yesterday to vote for a new parliament that is expected to be dominated by tribal leaders loyal to King Hussein.

State television announced at 7 p.m. (1700 GMT), when the voting booths closed, that 712,000 Jordanians had voted, or 39 percent of the 1.84 million registered voters. It did not say if that was

In the last elections in 1993, over

A total of 524 candidates, including 17 women, are contesting 80 seats in parliament's lower house, the Chamber of

Deputies. The chamber shares its powers with the king and with the upper house, which comprises 40 members picked by the

king.
Hussein, who has absolute control over Jordan, is ensured a pro-government legislature because Jordan's largest opposition party is not participating in the elec-tion. The Islamic Action Front is boycotting the balloting to protest govern-

ment policies, including the 1994 peace treaty with Israel.

A low voter tumout could indicate sup-

port for the Islamic Action Front. The boycon, however, will only help stymie the democratic process, according to political analysts.

The boycon will ... weaken the incentive of the regime to initiate any further democratie reforms," said Labih Kamhawi, a professor of political science

at the University of Jordan. Meanwhile, an independent survey of 176 randomly chosen candidates showed that 46% of the candidates supported the peace treaty with Israel while 38% were opposed, the Jordan Times reported.

It also said 64% of the candidates believed the elections will not be free and fair. Fears of poll rigging were raised fol-lowing complaints by thousands of voters that their voter identity cards had been fraudulently elaimed by others. Nobody is allowed to vote without the card.

An estimated 1.9 million of Jordan's 3.8 million people were eligible to vote, but only 1.48 million voter cards have beeo collected.

The elections are only the third since the king introduced political and econom-

ic reforms in 1989. Before that, Jordan was in a state of emergency following the 1967 Middle East War.

In 1992, Hussein legalized political parties to encourage a multi-party system, but traditional tribal loyaldes continue to dominate Jordanian politics.

At least 300 leaders of Jordan's estimated 500 major tribes are running. The progovernment Constitution Party is officially contesting 11 seats and is supporting candidates in 15 others.

Some rebels from the Islamic Action Front, a few leftists and pan-Arab nationalists are standing as independents, con-

In the last elections, the Front had won 15 seats by creating an Islamic-based constituency that cut across tribal lines.

Most tribal leaders owe allegiance to King Hussein, who in his 45-year reign has given them senior government and army posts, free education and health services and large tracts of lands to settle their once-nomadic people.

Under the constitution, the king appoints a government, regardless of the largest party in parliament. As part of his powers, the king also can veto hills and dissolve parliament and rule by decree.

Few major surprises expected in US elections

BY NED KILKELLY

YORK (AP) Republicans aimed to keep control of top johs in Virginia, New Jersey, and New York City and hoped to thwart a Democratie challenge in a closely watched congressional race in the city's smallest borough, in yesterday's Election Day which was expected to generate few close races.

In addition to New York, where polls suggested Republican incumbent Rudolph Giuliani would win re-election in a landslide, other cities choosing mayors included Atlanta, Houston, Seattle, Miami, and Minneapolis.

Among the hot topics appearing on ballot propositions across the country were assisted suicide in Oregon, the medicinal use of marijuana and gay rights io Washington state, and affirmative

action in Houston. On the final day of campaigning Monday, Presideot Bill Clintoo stumped in Virginia for Democrat Don Beyer, who lost ground in recent weeks to Republican Jim Gilmore after the two had run neck-and-neck for months. The winner succeeds Republican George Allen, barred from running for a second term.

Gilmore pulled ahead - by as many as 12 percentage points in the latest polls - by proposing to slash the hated property tax that local governments assess on personal cars and trucks. ..

.. Clinton slammed his proposal as jeopardizing public school funding, but Gilmore countered by saying critics "just don't get it." Tomorrow, send them a mes-

sage: It is oot selfish for Virginians improve the lives of their own control of the House of abortion stand.

ehildren," Gilmore said at a Monday rally in Richmond. Political analysts questioned the effectiveness of Clinton's 11thhour appearance, since he failed to

carry Virginia in either of his presidential elections. Robert Holsworth, a political cientist at Virginia scientist at Virginia Commonwealth University, said some Democrats in the state

viewed Clinton's visit as "more of

a eulogy than a pep talk." Many said the same thing about Clinton's weekend visit to New York on behalf of Democratic mayoral nominee Ruth Messinger, the Manhattan borough president whose woefully underfunded and spiritless campaign was given no chance of denying Giuliani a sec-

Clinton's appearance in the borough of Staten Island, though, was seen as an attempt hy the Democrats to negate the Republican Party's huge financial advantage in the nation's only coogressional race.

ond term.

After a poll late last month showed Democratic state assemblyman Eric Vitaliano in a virtual dead heat with Republican city councilman Vito Fossella, the national Republican Party spent about \$800,000 in television ads attacking Vitaliano. Subsequent polls showed a boost in Fossella's favor.

The national Democratic Party has been handcuffed in offering financial help to its candidates across the country this year because of its lingering \$15 millioo debt from last year's presidential race.

Nonetheless, Democrats viewed the Staten Island race as an early to have their own mocey to test of their chances of wresting

Representatives from Republicans next vear. Republicans now COntrol Congress 227-205, with one independent and two vacancies.

The Republicans have fought to hold on to the seat - Susan Molinari resigned it this year to pursue a television career - hy hringing in George Bush, Boh Dole, and several congressman. including former entertainer Sonny Bono, to campaign for Fossella.

This is a very important bellwether," said Rep. David Dreier, a California Republican. "When we win this, it's a clear signal we're going to hold on to the majority."

In New Jersey, the only other state electing a governor this year, Clinton also campaigned over the weekend for Jim McGreevey, who turned what was expected to be an easy race for Republican incumbeot Christie Whitman into a tight

McGreevey, 40, the mayor of Woodhridge and a state senator, came within striking distance of Whitman by hammering away on two perennial Jersey gripes: The nation's highest average auto insurance rates - \$1,013 per car -

and rising property taxes.

The 51-year-old governor responded by reminding voters that she not only kept her campaign promise to cut the state income tax 30 percent, but did it in. two years instead of three. The latest polls indicated a Whitman lead ranging from two to nine percentage points.

Whitman had to worry about a potential spoiler, Libertarian Murray Sabrin, who attracted some support from the Republican right because of

The truck stops here

Striking French truckers block a highway in France yesterday. Truckers all over the country continue to obstruct roads and gasoline depots in reaction to the failure of talks on wages and work conditions.

Thai PM to step down amid economic crisis

By JIRAPORN WONGPAITHOON

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thai Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh said he expects to resign by the end of the week, after parliament passes key financial and political decrees.

Chavalit has been under intense pressure to step down because of his administration's failure to effectively tackle the country's economic crisis during its year in office. Attempts at financial reform have been stymied by political infighting among members of his coalition gov-

ing send-off yesterday as markets celebrated his

impending departure with major rallies. Following Chavalit's surprise announcement that he would resign later this week, the baht surged more than five percent to 38.60/80 per

dollar from Monday's close of 40.90/41.00 in the onshore market, while the stock market jumped nearly 7%.

Chavalit's remarks indicated that he would resign to become a regular member of parliament rather than dissolve the house and call a new election, which is an alternative.

If he resigns as planned, the six parties making up his coalition would be expected try to agree on a successor.

Representatives of the parties were to hold a strategy meeting. If they cannot agree on a candidate to succeed Chavalit, the opposition could

Trairong Suwannkhiri, a member of parliament from the opposition Democrat Party, said

it was ready to form a government. In the past four months, the national currency, the baht, has falleo in value from 25 to the dol-

constitution.

The legislation is expected to be formally passed tomorrow. After the laws are passed, said Chavalit, "I

lar to a historic low of 41 to the dollar last

Friday. Some analysts were predicting it could drop as low as 50 baht to the dollar by year's

Thailand's stock exchange has also slumped,

hitting an eight-year low. Chavalit's announce-

meet was reported after the close of trading

Monday. The baht strengtheoed slightly during

the day, while there was negligible movement in

Chavalit said he plans to step down after

Parliament ratifies six emergency decrees pro-

viding the legal framework for a financial

laws complementing Thailand's new reformist

NZ poised to get 1st woman premier

Here's to Good Health books for women

By SIMON LOUISSON

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - Jenny Shipley, a leading light in New Zealand's cooservative National Party, was poised yesterday to become the country's first female prime minister.

In a slickly executed coup, the 45-year-old minister forced Prime Minister Jim Bolger to make the surprise announcement of his retirement and end his seven-year reign in anti-climax.

After a one-hour meeting, the National Party, which governs with support from the nationalist New Zealand First Party, selected Shipley unopposed as its new leader.

"I hope it will provide us with an opportunity to bring a fresh sense of purpose to the party and, I hope, to the coalition and to the country," Shipley

From a farming background, Shipley belongs to National's right and is considered to the right of Bolger. But she also has a reputation as a pragma-

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Imposing, and with the broad shoulders of a swimmer, Shipley's rapid rise into the political frontline started wheo she leapfrogged to the National Party frontbench just two years after entering politics in

Appointed Social Welfare Minister after National swept to power in 1990, the former school teacher led the dismantling of much of what was left of New Zealand's welfare state.

The policy was unpopular and, along with her mentor, the right-wing former finance minister Ruth Richardson - one of the country's most vilified figures - Shipley saw protesters opposed to the welfare

cuts burning ber effigy in the streets. Bot satirists caricatured her as the toughest in a flinty-faced administration that held firm, and kept applying a dose of unpalatable monetarist medicine. After the 1993 election, when Richardson was dumped, Shipley survived and moved on to the more challenging health portfolio where she had

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Remembering a revolution

Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov (third from right) brings flowers to Lenin's tomb yesterday ahead of Friday's 80th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. (AP)

Much ado about zeros

Just how justified is the panic about the millennium bug?

By GREG MILLER

ne after another, the speakers stood before rapt audiences and conjured images of millennial Armageddon.

This is a national emergency," said one. "I'm very worried about the ability of a country to defend itself when it has no electricity." "Everything is going to fall apart," said another. "I'm going to the bank to take out all my money, buy wood because the heat won't work, go bome and lock myself in."

A doomsday religious cult? A paranoid militia movement? No, technology professionals at a recent San Francisco conference on the Year 2000 computer problem.

Apocalyptic scenarios permeate speeches, news coverage and even casual conversation about the monumental computer glitch. The forecasts are gripping, frightening and probably way off.

Ask the experts combing the millions of lines of code that course through the nation's businesses and government agencies. They will tell you that the Year 2000 problem - the inability of some computers to handle 21st century dates - is both real and daunting.

But they also will tell you it is awash in hype: Planes will not drop from the sky. Nuclear reactors will not melt down. Financial institutions will not freeze.

"It's going to be a dud," said David Starr, the chief information officer at Reader's Digest, and a former technology officer at General Motors, ITT and Citicorp. 2000, and we're going to wake up and nothing will have happened.

Starr's optimism is jarring in the face of headlines, such as a recent news magazine cover that predicted Jan. 1, 2000, would be "The Day the World Shuts Down." But Starr's outlook is shared by others in similar positions at some of the nation's largest companies including banks, car makers and utilities - as well as trade associanons, regulatory offices and govemment agencies.

Confronting presumed disaster, they are calm and collected. Few expect more than minor disruptions for customers and employees. Many say their crincal computer systems don't pay attention to the date and are the least susceptible. Most have been working on the Year 2000 problem for years and expect to finish early.

None of the executives, analysts and experts interviewed for this article would say the problem is a myth. On the contrary, the world's computer resources are being strained as never before.

But they all agreed that software companies, consultants, speakers, authors and even some computer systems managers stand to benefit from the Year 2000 problem, and have an incentive to exaggerate the threat.

As one executive put it, "It's in some people's interest to say the sky is falling." All this over two lousy digits.

The Year 2000 problem stems from a space-saving technique

The fuse is going to go down to adopted by programmers decades ago, when computer memory was a precious commodity. Instead of using four spaces to record a year, they used two: 1968, for example, was recorded as 68.

Unless fixed, these programs won't know what to do on Jan. 1, 2000. Some may assume time has skipped back to 1900 and spit out erroneous data. Others may gag on the incomprehensible date and lock up.

Individually, the date fields are easy to repair. But they are buried m billions of lines of code around the world.

"It's like weeding a garden," said Sally Katzen, who oversees federal Year 2000 efforts for the Office of Management and Budget. "You just have to get in there and pull the weeds."

The weed-pulling started two years ago at Pacific Gas & Electric, one of California's largest utilities. John Greer, manager of computer systems, said the San Franciscobased company is on schedule to finish by the end of 1998.

"We had a magazine call us, and they were milking us to tell them that everything would turn black," he said. "But it's not going to happen." That's partly because the computer systems that manage the delivery of electricity are the least vulnerable.

"Our automated systems tell power plants to come on or off to meet demand," Greer said. "All of that is based on monitoring physical conditions - current, voltage and frequency. They're not looking at what day of the year it is."

Most nuclear reactors aren't even operated by computer, said Jared Wermiel, chief of the controls branch at the Noclear Regulatory Commission. Like hospitals, nuclear plants have backup systems that use diesel generators. And safety mechanisms respond to changes in temperature, pressure or power, not the instructions of a computer,

Like most companies, Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) Year 2000 problems are centered in its mainframe computer systems that track bills, payroll and other financial documents that depend on dates. But even that repair work is proceeding better than expected.

Early estimates that the project would cost \$42 million have been

glitches, PG&E has stumbled onto many aging computer systems it can scrap altogether.

Southern California Edison also is ahead of the game. "There will be no impact on Edison's power grid," said Eric Trapp, manager of

its Year 2000 effort. Fixing the problem will never be considered cheap, especially since it offers little payoff other than the privilege of continued existence. Some worldwide cost estimates

for reprogramming or replacing affected computers are as low as \$50b. But most are in the \$200b. range. That's what International Data Corp. concluded, for example, after surveying 500 companies last year on their Year 200 spending plans.

But the estimates that get the most attention are substantially higher, and are provided by two consulting firms that stand to profit from the Year 2000 problem: the Gartner Group and Software Productivity Research.

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Gartner, which belps design repair strategies, predicts the total bill for Year 2000 problems worldwide could approach \$600b. That number has been cited repeatedly by the media, industry pundits and members of Congress.

But the Gartner analysts who produced the estimate acknowledge that it is little more than a guess, one they believe bas about a 70 percent chance of being right. Gartner's forecast was made two years ago, and does not account for new software tools that automatically comb through programs to find the problem date fields. Further, it includes the cost of replacing hardware and software that companies and governments planned to replace anyway.

Gartner's estimate seems downright threadbare compared to others. Capers Jones, chairman of Software Productivity Research in Burlington, Mass., is about to publish a book that puts the total bill at \$3.6t

Such huge numbers are hard to fathom considering that most companies say they are not allocating any extra money to fix the Year 2000 problem, and are earmarking less than 10 percent of their annual technology budgets.

But Jones said much of the bill will come after the turn of the century, when he predicts that businesses will spend \$880b, undoing

lowered to about \$30m., partly Year 2000 screw-ups and fending because in searching for Year 2000 off lawsuits. (Los Angles Times) Egyptians believe

Diana was murdered By JOHN LANCASTER

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Mideast

CAIRO - Judging from the local press, Egyptians are under constant threat from sinister forcign forces that seek to corrupt their morals, undermine their

economy, and defame their Moslem faith. Not surprisingly, most of these alleged conspiracies originate in Israel, which stands accused here of flooding Egyptian markets aphrodisiac cbewing gum and deliberately infecting Egyptian young people with AIDS, among

other things. But now, it seems, Israel has some new competition in the conspiracy business: the

British royal family, Since Princess Diana and her Egyptian suitor, Dodi Fayed, died August 31 in a Paris car crash, Egyptian publishers have churned out a half-dozen books based on the chilling, if wholly unsubstantiated claim that the two were killed on orders from Buckingham Palace. By this account, the royal family could not countenance the idea that

the princess might marry a Moslem. Nearly two months after the crash. Egypt's burgeoning tabloid-style press continues to offer regular installments on the same theme. One of Egypt's best-known film directors, Khairy Beshara, plans a movie on the star-crossed couple's short and tragic romance that will focus on "the nature of women, using Diana as an example, in a society filled with tradition." The royal family, he added, will serve as the "symbol" of unyielding tradi-

He will not point fingers, he said, but will "give people all the information and let them draw their own conclusions.

"The world still needs to know what really bappened that night," the weekly Dustour newspaper recendy intoned.

While a few Egyptian commen-tators have poked fun at the theory, the dominant response among Egyptians has been uncritical

Their reaction sheds light on several important aspects of the Egyptian narional character - in particular, its deep and abiding suspicion of the West and its hypersensitivity to any perceived slights to the Moslem faith.

"They would never let Diana marry a Moslem," said Abdel Nabi Ali, 32, a fruit vendor in the upscale riverfront neighborhood of Zenzalak. "God will not forgive

them for how they treat Arabs. The only reason they killed the couple was because they were getting married." Added Added Hassan Salah, 56, an upholsterer: "They are not fooling anyone. How can they allow an Arab to enter the royal circle? We aren't good enough for them. That's wby they call

us the Third World." Egypt's susceptibility to conspiracy theories is not entirely without foundation. The history of the Middle East is rife with reallife conspiracies, from the palace intrigues of the Ottoman era to Israel's botched attempt last month to assassinate a Hamas leader in Jordan by injecting him with an exotic poison.

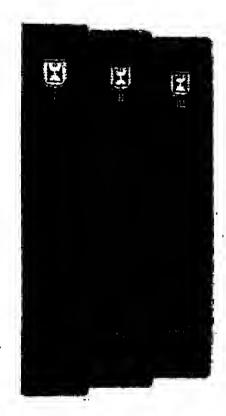
Many Egyptians, moreover, were miffed by the refusal of their former colonial ruler to grant citizenship to Fayed's father, Mohamed Fayed, owner of Harrods department store in London. They also felt slighted by Western media reports that treated the death of his son as little more than a footnote to that of Diana.

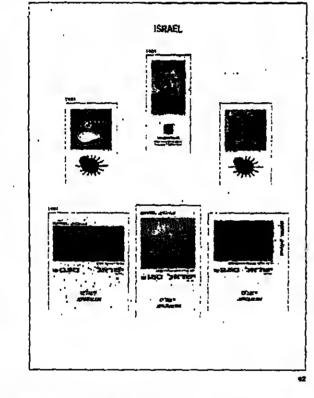
Reports of a plot to kill Dodi and Diana surfaced within days of the accident. "British intelligence killed her to save the throne, just as the CIA killed Marilyn Monroe at the same age," columnist Anis Mansour wrote in Egypt's leading newspa-per, al-Ahram. "When it comes to marrying a Moslem from whom she might have borne a boy named Mohammed or a girl named Fatemah and that Moslem child would be the brother of the king of England, the guardian of the church, there had to be a

solution." Some Egyptian commentators have mocked their countrymen's penchant for believing the worst. The al-Ahram Weekly, for example, dryly comments on the failure of one sensation-mongering author to "implicate the French company that built the tunnel in which the murder took place."

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Latin America isn't Asia

Having graduated the 1995 peso crisis, South America's major economies are weathering the financial storm which wreaked havoc on the other side of the globe

By ANTHONY FAIOLA

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BUENOS AIRES - On the surface, it seemed like the Asia Crisis Revisited, with Spanish and Portuguese subtitles.

Panicked investors in Latin America sparked hillions of dollars' worth of losses on Latin stock markets last week. In Brazil - the hardest-hit nation and the region's largest - speculators tried to force the devaluation of the local currency, the real, causing the Central Bank to

double interest rates overnight. But experts caution that while Brazil's troubles may yel worsen, possibly louching off a regional economic slowdowo, the foundations of most other Latin American economies - including those of Argentina, Chile and Mexico - are far more sound than the Asian countries now in the grips of fiscal chaos.

Experts attribute that partly to the 1994 Mexican peso crisis that forced many countries to implement conservative banking rules and fiscal policies.

"Lalin America has already learned its lesson," said Carlos Kawall, chief economist for Cirihank in Sao Paulo, Brazil. 'We're not looking at another Asia in Latin America."

But that does not mean things cannot take a turn for the worse, or that there are not significant risks in the region, which has lured billions of dollars in investment from US and international companies in the 1990s. The decade has been marked by shifts toward free-market economies and the privatization of state-run industries.

Brazil, in particular, still faces major economic burdles. And it remains the wild card that could yet bring the castle tumbling down as other regional economies increasingly become linked to the nation that represents balf of Latin America's industrial output.

Brazil still has a high trade deficit and an overvalued currency, making it harder to sell its products abroad. The government's decision to raise interest rates - to 40 percent from 20% annually - will also make it harder for foreigners id finance the billions still needed to privatize the state-run industries.

Economists caution that leaving interest rates too high for too long could cause a national recession actions will slow Brazil's growth current account deficit soared to tains far more reserves than its capacity during the peso crisis.



While the Brazilian stock market took a pounding - and the country's troubles may yet worsen - most other Latin American economies are far more sound than the Asian countries now in the grips of fiscal chaos.

to between 2% and 3% this year from the 5% initially predicted.

Indeed, some department stores in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro already have announced plans to curtall credit starting Monday, temporarily halting the long-term installment loans that have become so popular.

"It's a sobering effect," said Roberto Alemann, a financial analyst in Buenos Aires. "It's saying wake up' to Brazil. They still need to take additional steps to downsize government and make tax and pension reforms that would help ensure its economic future."

Yet, experts, say, when Brazil's economy is compared to some of the Asian tigers', its fundamentals are more sound. Take, for example, Brazil's current account deficit, a measure analysts use to assess national economic heath. Brazil's and increase unemployment from 5.5% to at least 7%. At the very tic product. And while 2% or lower least, analysts say last week's is considered healthy. Thailand's up the real last week, it still main-banking system, almost double its

8% just before its economic crisis, And although some smaller banks had liquidity problems after last week's crisis, there is no evidence the Brazilian banking industry has made the kind of outrageously speculative loans on real estate and factories that were made in Asia, which became one of the

largest reasons for the collapse.

"There is a more solid banking system in Brazil, and in most of Latin America, than there is in Asia," said Daniel Tassan-Din. head of research for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Inc. in Buenos Aires. "In Asia, they discovered the Central Bank of Thailand was playing in the gold markets. Private banks were giving out speculative loans on overvalued development projects. That kind of thing isn't happening here."

Although the Brazilian Central

Asia counterparts. "Brazil could still pay off its eotire short-term national debt with what's left of its cash reserves," said Cinbank's Kawall. "Asia is more highly leveraged." Meanwhile, other countries in the region, specifically Argentina, Mexico and Chile, stand on even firmer fiscal ground

— mostly from weathering the Mexican peso crisis in 1994. In Argentina, where economic growth is expected to reach 8% this year, a strong, consolidated banking system and conservative Central Bank resulted from the Mexican crisis. Argentina's Central Bank has signed an agreemeet with international banks to secure \$6.1 billion to cover deposits in case of a buge withdrawal from the system. The level of national cash reserves also remains high: The Central Bank Bank was forced to spend almost could cover 33% of the total pri-15% of its cash reserves to shore vate deposits in the Argentine

The country also already made many tough government downsizing decisions that reduced

pressure on the national budget. Chile, the region's economic star because of its high economic growth and aggressive free-trade moves, has developed a complex financial system that limits the amount of foreign capital that can leave the country in a short period of time. Such measures make huge investor flight, as seen in Asia, difficult at best.

Mexico is slowly emerging from its worst recession in 60 years in the aftermath of the peso crash. But economic analysts said that safeguards and precautions initiated as a result helped brace Mexico for last week's global chain reaction and left the country's economy relatively unscathed. Three years ago. Mexico faced

many of the problems now troubliog Asian nations: runaway inflation, overvalued currency, a weak banking system, high national debt and heavy dependence on short-term foreign investments. Today, inflation is a fairly moderate 15%, the peso has been one of the world's most stable currencies this year, and the nation has sharply curbed its foreign debt and encouraged more

long-term foreign iovestment.

Mexican economists and government officials remain nervous, however, because while the economy is recovering steadily overall, middle- and lower-class Mexicans have seen far less improvement in their ecocomic condition since the crash.

(The Washington Post)

Sifting the debris

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

Thailand is the first vic-L tim of this year's Asian flu - the virus being financial, the casualty fortunately only political.

Since modern stock market crashes have become "corrections," fatal leaps from office windows happen only in cartoons, and Prime Minister Chaovalit Yongchaiyut is merely

resigning. Réal Asian flu used to be one of those unpredictable winter events. It would sweep out of the Orieot, lay half the world low for a week, then vanish just as mysteriously, leaving behind lingeriog aches, a few sniffles and long boring anecdotes about how one got it, endured it, and fought it off.

Once or twice a century it would strike hard, bringing heavy fatalities. This, like the 1929 stock market crash, would be nothing to make light of and would leave years of grief in its

Science and vaccination have tamed the most vicious Asian flus. So far. Electronic science and computer circuit-breakers have done much the same for stock market crashes. So far,

Trendy dabblers

The loud sneezes and groans of agony from last week's global enidemic are subsiding and the healthier patients are recovering (Australia's market has made a still rising 10 percent recovery in two days). To switch metaphors, it may now be safe to take some tentative steps into the dehris to survey the damage wrought hy this "correctioo." Tentative, minimum-knowledge dabblers in the stock markets and in the trendy "emerging markets" have been taught that other trendy phrases, like "globalization," actually

mean something. Emerging means emerging not emerged. Doesn't anybody remember bow long it took Europe and the Americas to emerge fully? Global also means global. When speculators rattled the ringgit - which most of us had never heard of - and the tiny vibrations traveled via Thailand to be amplified on the great Asian sounding-board of Hong Kong, it wasn't long before the whole globe was ringing like one of those cartoon cats hit by a

falling anvil. And did anyone ever expect to see a headline saying "Asian storm hatters Brazil?" (Brazil doubled its basic interest rate on Friday from 20 to 40 percent to prop up its currency.)

Chattering classes

Another lesson which nearly everyone had learned, and then forgotten, is that in economics there are no experts, only analysts. For months, the chattering expert classes have filled the 24hour screens of the CNN, NBC and BBC husiness channels, actually debating the stability of the runaway Wall Street Dow

The prime minister of index. Name one person who predicted that it would be Hong Kong that would crash, bringing the mighty Dow and London FISE down through the hole in the floor.

The chastened experts have again become the mere analysts they are, explaining with hind-sight why it should have been obvious all along - just as they did with even less credibility

after the Dow-led 1987 crash nobody predicted. So, after it all races past, who is left on the sickbed? In the first place, there is no guarantee the worst is over yet What was wrought in Asia could well be heading for Latin America oow and, even if forewarned is forearmed, it could still be a rough ride. In Asia, an investor's

to make a contribution to the Save the Tiger fund. That's the furry one - no one is going to be rushing out to huy paper rigers for a long time.

best bet probably is

Sîlent clunk

In the hierarchy of disaster, Thailand is probably the worst hit if we look at the collapse of Asian currencies against the US dollar rather than at the gyrarions of stock markets. Over the past four months the Thai currency lost almost 40% of its value. It was followed by Indonesia (33%) Malaysia (27%) Philippines (24%), Singapore (9.5%) and South Korea (8%).

The currency of Hong Kong, where the great crash (er, correction) began, has scarcely moved - because being pinned to the US dollar, it's not allowed to, and that makes it very expensive

for speculators to attack. Taiwan too weathered the storm better than many, both on its stock market and in its currency. Taiwan is buffered by massive foreign currency reserves - with 21 million people it still has \$90 billion in the

vaults. The Asian country that suffered least, of course, is mighty Japan. But in the silence after the storm, a piece of plaster could be heard falling off its wall yesterday with the collapse of Sanyo Securities, an important mid-level broker from wbo the banks and insurance companies pulled away the props. (No relation to the well-known Sanyo. It's a common Japanese name meaning "three seas," which is as good an economic metaphor for Japan's position between Asia and the United

States as any.

A final footnote. Most previous market crashes, when seen on long-term graphs of equity performance, look like mere hlips. In fact, they do look like "corrections," as the chart catches a deep breath before climbing the next steep hill.

Is this a hint to dive in oow and place your bets for the next upward surge? Certainly oot. If I knew anything about predicting the markets, do you think I'd be sitting here writing a column for

Who is the Messiah?

The Messiah our righteousness has turned from us, we have been smitten and there is none to justify us.

Our iniquities and the yoke of our transgressions takes he upon himself and he is smitten for our transgressions.

He lays on his own shoulder our sins to find forgiveness for our iniquities. By his stripes we are healed, that he might create an eternal new creation.

(From the Yom Kippur Musaf, Eshkol Publishing, Jerusalem. Compare Isaiah chapter 53.)

If our Jewish tradition attributes Isaiah chapter 53 to the Messiah why should we claim otherwise?

Yeshua is Israel's Messiah

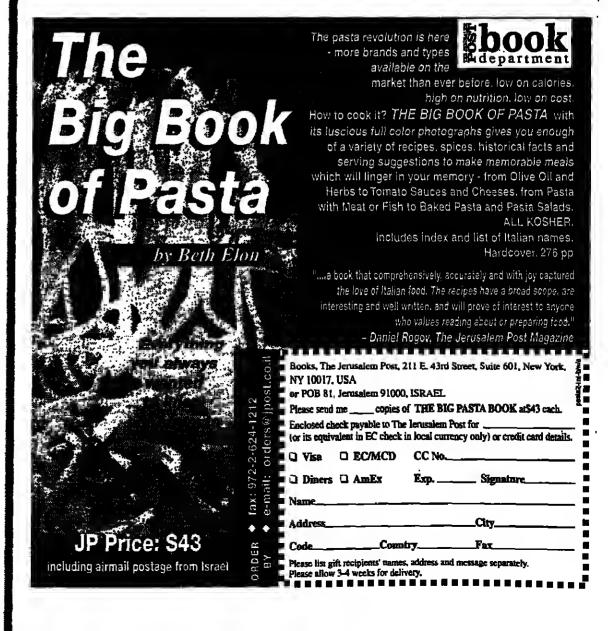
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Confront Saddam

To call Iraq's Saddam Hussein a bully is really to give him too much credit. Saddam's attempt to tweak the United States by turning away American inspectors on a United Nations team is more akin to a toddler testing his parents. Though parents must not use force, any parent knows that the consequences of not somehow establishing their authority. In Iraq's case, the consequence will be n strengthened Saddam Hussein with hidden weapons of mass destruction.

The United States is portraying Saddam's latest gambit as a challenge to the United Nations. It certainly is that, since UN operations all over the globe would be jeopardized if citizens of an individual country - in this case the US - can be removed from an iospection team mandated by the Security Council. The American inspectors are not in Iraq as Americans but as members of UNSCOM, a UN organization created to enforce UN resolutions.

The US, however, cannot afford to act as if Saddam has only taken on the United Nations, and not the US itself. Not only were Americans singled out, but Saddam threatened to shoot down American U-2 reconnaissance aircraft not too credible a threat, but a threat nonetheless.

As much as we tend to act as if the UN were a fully independent entity, it is oo more than the sum of its member nations. Since it is the United States that has - to its credit - taken upon itself the maintenance of the UN's backbone on this issue, it is the US that is the primary target of Saddam's challenge.

Maintaioing that backbone has not been easy. If it were not for Saddam's exquisite sense of timing, the US might have eventually succumbed to the relentless pressure from the French, Russians, and Chinese to prematurely lift the sanctions regime. America's increasing isolation in the Security Council oo doubt led Saddam to think he could get away with singling out the US inspectors. Now, even those countries seeking to looseo the reins on Saddam have rallied around the US position, and the Western coalition against Saddam has been reconstituted.

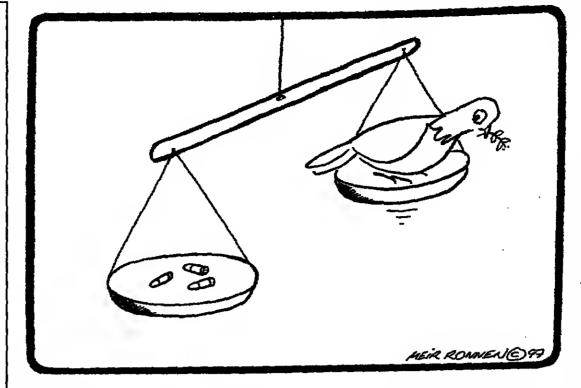
The question is whether this new-found Western unity will be allowed to dissipate and leave Saddam victorious, or whether the US and its allies will learn from their mistakes. The curreot crisis, for example, is clearly not only the bitter fruit of the divisioo sown by oations itching to do business with Saddam, but of the inadequate responses to the last two crises.

In June, the UN Security council threatened to take action against Iraq by October if Saddam did not stop harassing the inspection teams, then led by Rolf Ekeus. Oo October 6, oew UNSCOM head Richard Butler reported that the harassment had continued, particularly against inspectors searching for biological and chemical weapons. The US and Britain theo sought a resolution slapping an international travel ban on Iraqis, but were forced to back down in the face of veto threats from France, Russia, and China.

A perhaps even clearer sigo of weakness - and if there is anything Saddam thinks he is good at. it is smelling weakness - was the US response to Saddam seoding his troops into the Kurdishcontrolled city of Irbil and evicting a major CIA operation there. The US responded with strikes against radar installations in the south, far away from the center of power or the site of the offense. Even in the US, this response was widely considered weak and ineffective.

Now the choice before the US is clear: Convince its former coalition partners that "all necessary means" must be used to force Iraq to comply with UN resolutions and divulge and destroy its weapons of mass destruction, or take some symbolic response which will fool no one, least of all Saddam Hussein.

In comparison with the craven behavior of France, Russia, and China, the US certainly deserves credit for its leadership role. Leadership, however, does oot only mean doing the right thing, but coovincing others to follow. The Clinton administration needs to frame the issue in its real proportions for America and its allies: There will be oo better opportunity to hold the line against the deadly combination of rogue regimes with doomsday weapons.



The bomb on our doorstep

'srael's negotiators at Oslo inteoded that the agreements would lead to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. No amount of denials by Labor Party leaders can change this fact. Virtually all the makings of sovereignty and independence are embedded in the language of those agreements. The Palestinian members of the negotiatiog team have confirmed that this was the common understanding of both sides, even though statehood was not explicitly meotioned in the final docu-

Today, long before the final status oegotiations have begun, the territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority is out of bounds to Israelis. Any Israeli who happens to stray into areas A or B risks his life.

In drastic contrast, Palestinians by the droves visit Israeli towns and villages, sit in restaurants and cafes, are treated in Israeli hospitals and not a hair on their head is barmed, even on a day when Israelis are murdered Palestinian suicide bombers.

The interim agreement with the PA sigoed in Washington in September, 1995, stipulates that "Israel shall continue to carry the responsibility for external security" (Art.X4). This clause enables Israel to control eotry and exit from and into the PAcontrolled territory. Once Israel loses this critical element of

eputations take a loog

time to build up, but are

subject to rapid collapse

wben thiogs go wroog.

Negative stereotypes, on the

other hand, tend to live on long

past the point when they are

Specific examples of these

generalities are now plentiful.

Japan eventually threw off its

image as a mass-producer of

cheap junk, to emerge as "the

new economic superpower." By the eod of the 1980s, virtually

everyooe agreed that the

Japanese bad wiped the floor

with the Americans and were

leading what was going to be

But theo the eotire Japanese

economic miracle went poof.

Result: the same years that had

been bailed as the period of

Japanese excellence have become

known - especially in Japan itself

- as the era of "the bubble ecooo-

my," when everything that looked

good was really a mirage. Even

oow, it's not clear when, if ever,

Japan will get its act together

The Japanese model is oow

being repeated all over Asia, as

the eotire group of "tiger economies" are now being

shown up as "paper tigers."

South Korea in particular, along

with the south-east Asian coun-

tries that bave domioated the

news recently - Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and even

the former paragoos of virtue,

Taiwan and Hoog Kong - are now in deep trouble. Their years

of glory, characterized by rapid

growth that was the envy of the

industrialized world, are seen as

a delusion, both oo the part of

the countries themselves, their

governments and citizeos, but

also (and perhaps especially) on the part of the Western investors

and money managers who poured untold billions into them.

io the effort to be part of "the

Pacific century," model II. Now

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The same dynamic process is at

work in much less "exotic" places

than Thailand and Taiwan.

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YOSSI BEN-AHARON

external security, there is oothing to preveot the Palestinian Authority from importing advanced and heavy weaponry, thereby creating a foreign military base positioned next to Israel's heartland.

There is therefore a dangerous contradiction between article X4 mentiooed above, and article XI and XII in annex I of the Gaza-Jericho Agreement of May 4.

Arafat is just one step away from declaring the independence of his state

1994. The latter articles refer to the establishment of an airfield in Dahaniya and a maritime port in Gaza, both under the control of the PA. Negotiations on the two outlets have been going on sporadically for some time. Israeli representatives have intimated that the obstacle to reaching an agreement pertains to the security arrangements which Israel insists on setting up in or around the ports. On their part, the Palesiinians are adamantly opposed to the emplacement of

Israeli controllers and monitoring

equipment oo the spot.

Even without having an airfield and a port at their disposal, Palestinian VIP's, right up to Yasser Arafat himself, have been caught smuggling wanted terrorists, arms and explosives into the PA territory. There can be no doubt that no matter how intensive and elaborate Israeli security arrangements may be, PA officials will find the ways and means of iocreasing the smuggliog ioto their territory of people and weapons that represent a real threat to Israel.

The issue is not just a problem of security. Arafat is just one step away from declaring the independeoce of bis state. He controls territory (albeit limited and fragmented). a functioning government service, a large bureaucracy and several police and security forces. He has some 40,000 to 50,000 men uoder arms - a veritable army - in flagrant violation of the agreements. He only lacks control over the entry and exit to his state-in-the-making. Without this, he cannot really claim to rule a sovereign entity.

Israel will be committing a tragic bluoder if it grants him this request. It might just as well place a bomb at its doorstep, a bomb that cannot be diffused except by

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Divisive factor

DAVID KIMCHE

strange and unlikely group gathered together late last month in an idyllic setting on a billtop overlooking the Rhine in Germany. Among them were Israelis and prominent figures from communities in the Jewish Diaspora: Britain, France, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Russia and the US, as well as German politicians, academicians and writers.

The gathering was the brainchild of Lord Weidenfeld of Britain who, together with the illustrious Bertelsmann Foundation, has sponsored a series of German-Jewish dialogues over the past years. More than half a century has

passed since the Holocaust, but Europe, now more than ever, isstill trying to come to terms with the darkest pages of its history. And we, the Jews, watch entranced as one European nation after another grapples with its past, examines such attributes as oationalism and patriotism in the light of the Jewish Question and the deeds committed against the Jews in the name of these attributes. As one of the participants at the Rhine gathering put it: "If Germany was the blackest of black, then the other countries of Europe, with the noble exceptions of Denmark and Bulgaria, must be defined in different shades of gray, some darker than others".

We watch, fascinated, as oew facts are unveiled of the pandering to the Nazi regime by socalled ocutral countries; we listen, astonished, to the self-criticism of the Vatican, to the apologies of the Catholic Church of France and of the French Police: we follow, uncomprehending, the starts and stops of the Papon rial.

Germany, however, is a case unto itself. Side by side with their contiouing self-analysis, the Germans seek to reconcile themselves to their terrible past. In oo other country in Europe are there more institutions studying different aspects of Judaism as in Germany. Nor has any other country in Europe been so willing to accept within its bor-ders Jews from East European countries, especially those from the former Soviet Union, so much so that the Jewish committee, in Germany is cow the thirt targest in western Europe. Germany, moreover, has become the staunchest

ally of Israel in Europe. How should we in Israel react to this renaissance of Jewish life in Germany? What should we say to the fact that there is now a small but vibrant Jewish community living in Poland? Is this shocking? Yes, given the past and the memories that will forever be

branded in Jewish consciousness. President Weizman declared during his state visit to Germany in 1996, that "Jews have no reason to live in Germany". Yet the fact that the president of the State of Israel made that statement while on a state visit to Germany points to the inconsistencies and confusion that

govern our attitudes to Germany. . Oo the one hand is the unforgettable and uoforgivable past, on the other, the new, democratic Germany of a younger generation born in the aftermath of the terrible crimes their fathers committed, who consciously seek ways to reach out to Israel and to the Jewish people. We must not brand the younger geoeration, nor east

guilt on the indocent. For most Israelis the idea of a Jewish community in Germany or Poland will always be an anomaly. We would certainly have preferred to see those ex-Soviet Jews coming to Israel instead of going to Germany or to the US or anywhere else, for that matter. The Zionist ideology of the ingathering of the exiles is still very strong. And, indeed, today nearly 40% of the

entire Jewish people live in Israel Yet we must not turn our backs on the Jewish communities in the Diaspora, even those in Germany or Poland. They are racked by the vicissitudes of assimilation, torn by a search for identity. Most of these Jews are not religious in the Orthodox sense. Yet they feel Jewish and are Jewish and we in Israel should be making every effort to help them preserve their

Jewish identity.
Unfortunately the opposite is happening As one of the partici-pants from Britain said at the German-Jewish dialogue: "Israel has become a divisive factor instead of a unifying force".
We should be following Ahad

Ha'am's thesis that Israel should be a moral and spiritual center for the Diaspora. That idea, given the message that is going forth to the Diaspora from the internecine strife in Israel today, is laughable The rejection by Onthodox circles of the Neeman Committee proposals is threatening the very foundations of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora and will further weaken the Jewish communities. Ahad Ha'am must be turning in his grave!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMALL CHARGES

Sir, - About two mooths ago, I came to live in Safed, and like any upstanding citizen, I opeoed a bank account. I quickly learned the hard way that there are substantial differences among banks and sometimes even among different branches of the same bank.

Therefore, there are a couple of things I recommend to the new or inexperienced customer in Israel. First, ask the manager to allow you to see a detailed list of fees before opening an account or if you are in doubt about payments you have been charged by your bank. You are entitled to this perusal by law. Secondly, don't sign for all sorts of "small" charges without asking about what exactly you are signing.

DANIEL DOTAN

A STRANGER

Sir, - I am the son of Jewish pareots, and according to the law, I am

a Jew. Now, that I am 73 years old and living in Israel since 1948, the prime minister of Israel has declared that because I do not share his political views, I am not a Jew. Also, the heads of the ruling religious parties have declared that I am oot a Jew if I do not accept the Orthodox Jewish way of life.

l am a secular and peace-loving Jew. Am l a stranger in my own country? Where shall I go?

Jerusalem.

Safed.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK ers and supervisors greatly over-

Sir, - In reference to Aryeb Dean Cohen's article "Study: Do your owo homework, kids" (October 31), give us a break! The truth of the matter is that it is totally unrealistic to expect parents to tell their childreo "do your own homework."

As an educator and parent (and former youth divisioo director in Netanya). I can verify the great frustrations the present way of giving homework causes; yet this is not a result of parents spending hours helping their children with their bomework, but stems from

unfortunate and misguided teach-

loading and burdening students with assignments cootainlog material that was not dealt with and taught in the classroom during the day.

As for the many frustrated and helpless pareots, ooe can only say to the Szold Institute researchers: go back to the blackboard - you oeed another look at your own homework.

Then again, maybe your parents can help you ...

NEIL HASSID

Sir. - We have to agree with you that Palestinian Christians are these days facing a lot of difficuloes as was reported in "Report: Christians persecuted by PA" October 24). As an integral part of the Palestinian people, the Palestinian Christians are sufferiog not by, but rather with, the rest of the Palestinian people. We all. Moslems and Christian, women and men, boys and girls, rich and poor, Palestinians in general, are the victims of brutal and jobuman treatment executed by a fanatic government with little or on respect at all to the national and

human needs of our people.
Throughout history, Palestinian society gave a noble and clear cut example for religious tolerance, brotherly coexistence.

mutual respect and understanding. Jews also, long before the policies of depriving the Palestinian Moslems and Christians of their land and their God given national and buman rights, also enjoyed the beoefits of sharing our hopes and dreams io one healthy society that

lasted for many generations. President Yasser Arafat, in an honest cootinuation of such great traditioo, has chosen to appoint many Palestinian Christians to top government positions, including the cabinet, I wonder how many 000-Jews are members of the israeli cabinet?

the President

MARWAN KANAFANI Member of the PNC Advisor and Spokesperson for

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 5, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that the driver and two passengers of an Egged bus were wounded wheo they were fired on Jerusaleni-Jaffa road. The IPC pipeline was punctured and set on fire and a bomb was thrown at the Beisan (Beit She'an) police station.

A firm reaffirmation of the statement that the figure of 8,000 certificates for Jewisb immigration was fixed as a purely temporary measure for eight months was announced in London. Resentment against these new immigration restrictions was expressed by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

Two British soldiers were killed near the SPCA Animal Hospital. in Jerusalem. A curfew was imposed on the Silwan village after police tracking dogs stopped near two Arab bouses there. A number of arrests were made.

50 years ago: On November 5, 1947, The Palestine Post reported from Lake Success that the US and Russia had agreed to try to compromise their proposals for the early partidoo of Palestine.

Moshe Sherrok, representative of the Jewish Agency, accepted the idea of a single currency system for the two states with a common exchange rate. David Horowitz suggested that both states should enjoy American subsidies and that all ioternational convenoons and treaties affecting customs, tariffs, communicatioos and commercial matters geoerally, should be entered jointly by both states.

Three armed Arahs ambushed the Alumim settlement lorry wounding one person. There was a spate of sbootings and ambushes throughout the country.

Palestinian travelers would soon be able to go to Britain by rail, via Central Europe, Palestine

Railways announced 25 years ago: On November 5, 1972, The Jerusolem Post announced that the Arab-owned electric company in East Jerusalem and the Israel Electric Corporation agreed on an emergency link of their lines, to meet the severe electricity crisis that had plagued East Jerusalem and most of the West Bank with periodic blackouts. Permanent linkup was agreed upon to start the

following year.
Jews who fled Syria described inhuman life there. They were denied basic human rights and some were beaten and imprisoged on various pretexts.

Alexander Zvielli

PINCHAS LANDAU

Italy, for example

over the last decade, the most dynamic economy in Europe. First, in the late 1980s, whilst continental Europe was bogged down in structural problems so deep-seated they became known as "Euro-sclerosis," Britajo enjoyed a boom based on the Thatcher revolution." Then, in the 1990s, Britain was the first to recover from the recession that engulfed the West, and its perfor-

The Asian tigers are all dead. Why not seek inspiration closer to home?

mance in receot years has made it the envy of its European neighbors, especially with regard to unemployment. However much they don't like the idea, the Continental countries are being forced to move in the direction of flexible labor markets and deregulated and/or privatized public

sectors. They are also going to bave to dump their state-fuoded pension systems and revamp their social welfare systems, hecause they simply can't pay for them any more. These issues are widely recognized, but it is equally clear that achieving these goals requires firm government and determined leadership. In this cootext, one might expect that a country with strong and stable institutions, and especially one boasting the strongest political leadership of any European country – i.e. Germany uoder Helmut Kohl - would take the

In fact, however, Germany has proven itself incapable of legislating structural reforms in social welfare, taxes and pen-sioos. So bas France, which can't even privatize key public sector firms. Incredibly, to anyone living by the accepted stereotypes of national character and capabilities, it is Italy that is now the undisputed leader in the process of structural reform in

"FIRM government" and Italy are, to most people's minds, the quintessence of iocompatibility.

"Tough decisions by the Italian government," as a book, would run to about as many pages as the legendary "Great victories of the Swiss navy." That is, it would have done until just a few years

But the new reality, reflecting the dynamics of economic and political developments even in seemiogly stuck-in-the-mud Europe, is quite different. The collapse of Cold War politics in Italy has triggered a fundamental redrawing of the political map, as hitberto unsuspected forces of public opinion have come to the fore. The Italian people are so fed up with the old, corrupt system that ran the country until the 1990s, that they are the most pro-European populace of any of the European Union's 15 member

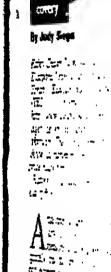
That means meeting European standards - such as cutting inflation from over 10% to below 2% per annum? Never mind, we'll swallow the medicine and get there. What about bloated government budgets and the biggest and phoniest welfare scams io Europe? We'll elimioate them. And those cushy pensions for the huge public sector, early retirement and all the rest? They'll go too, as will indexed wage scales and other impediments to private sector competitiveness on European and global

A whole list of problems that seemed insurmountable, and that therefore seemed to ensure that Italy was doomed to remain the butt of derisive pity oo the part of the Germans and other north Europeans, have been systematically addressed and overcome over the last five years. Or, as Italian Prime Minister Prodi said last weekend, after getting parliamentary approval for at least a partial peosion reform, "let's see the Germaos

In other words, yesterday's heroes can be today's basket cases, and todny's schleppers really can turn themselves around to become tomorrow's exemplars. One hundred years after Herzl coined the aphorism, it remains true that "if you really want it, it's no myth." Pity that no one in Israel believes in that any-

The writer is o journalist and economic commentator.





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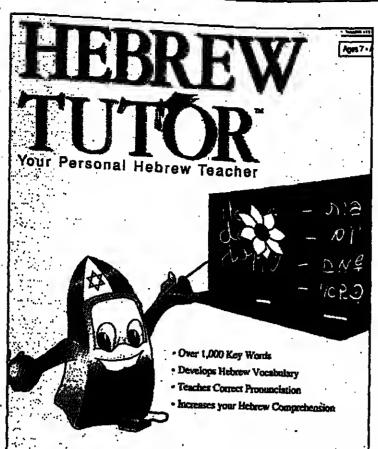
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Making a game out of Hebrew

See it, hear it, speak it like a Sabra

Hebrew Tutor, a CD-ROM in English and French, created by



By Judy Siegel

Rabbi Chaim Tscholkovsky of the Diaspora Yeshiva, distributed by Torah Educational Software [Internet address http://www.torahscholar.com] for ages seven to adult, NIS 159 through The Jerusalem Post's book department or a higher price elsewhere.
Rating: four-and-a-half stars

massing a large vocabu-A speaking a language adequately, but this process is difficult, especially if it means memorizing word lists from a book. But when the chore is made into a game, as in this disk, there's a much greater chance that the words will stick in your mind.

Users must rank themselves in the beginner, intermediate or advanced levels of Hebrew vocabulary. They may play alone - or against a ticking clock or a partner. Within a single level, the user must denote a low, medium or high rating of skills and is presented with words that suit him. The highest level quizzes users on an impressive collection of 1,000 words.

The simple, user-friendly disk consists entirely of multiple choice questions: vowelized Hebrew words (in printed letters; it might have also been advisable to display cursive Hebrew as well) are presented, and the user must click on one of the multiplechoice English or French translations for it. Sometimes it's tricky for a novice: for example, harbeh (many, much) is given with an option of "rabbi," which has a similar sound.

Incorrect answers produce red frowning circles ("a strike"), each of which disappears only when you receive a minimum oumber of correct responses. If yon've accomplated five strikes or answered all the questions, the game is over.

Once you do well at your level, you're aotomatically bumped upstairs into the next level. If you're tired, or want to snack, there's a pause button - but it'll work only if you've already answered the question at hand. You can't pause to look op the word in a dictionary - no cheat-

ing!
The user can stop playing altogether, but that completely aborts gether, but that completely aborts the game played and the score is not registered. When you finish, you'll get a Hebrew-knowledge rating between that of a low-level Hebrew speaking "US ambas-sador" to that of a high-level "Speaker of the Knesset" (although I know of some US ambassadors who speak better Hebrew than the Knesset speak-

The program, which bas a detailed help menu, also automatically reviews all erroneous

If you play against an oppoanswers. nent, either choosing answers with the mouse or by pressing the 1 through 4 or 7 through 0 keys on the keyboard, you can play "ping pong," in which each player has a turn, or "lightning," in

which the first to answer correctly scores.

Wondering why the program doesn't offer a full word list with definitioos, I called TES president Emanuel Fishman. He said that within six mooths, a special diskette will prepared to upgrade the program of all disk purchasers with exactly that feature. They will then be able to print out word lists and study them as a supplementary source and then be tested by the disk. Since the opgrade will be free, one needn't postpooe purchase until the diskette is available.

Hoshvim Begadol (Thinking Big), an original CD-ROM in Hebrew, produced and distributed by Compedia, for age eight and above, NIS 149. Rating: five stars out of five

Half the secret of doing well in psychometric tests - those exams that are increasingly required for getting into university, certain - is getting the hang of this form of testing.

This well-done piece of software does an excellent joh teacbing the basics of logic-based psychometric tests, particularly those using series of numbers, shapes and other graphic images, though oot the verbal gymnastics one must be skilled at for university-entrance tests.

The subject matter, presented with calming classical music in the backgroood, is divided into study, games, exercises and tests. The study section explains the logic - and the pitfalls - of commonly used psychometric techniques. These inclode counting bow many cubes exist in a threedimensional structure, when some of them are not visible; selecting the exceptional in a series of images; understanding sequences of shapes or numbers: and deciding what domino tile should follow others in logical

With domino tiles, for example, one may either have to add or suhtract the dots on each side to figure out what comes oext. There are seven different types of problems involving oumber sequences - all well explained by the narrator. Geometrical shapes can differ in color, size, location, comber, circumference or direc-

The games, presented io imaginative animated form, are challeoging and a lot of fun. Presented with rods of different colors, one is asked to place them in another tray in a way that "the greens don't touch the purples and hloes and don't stand in a

A more difficult game with a Western cowboy theme offers spaces for a four-digit number. one must choose the oumbers and place them in the proper sequence guided by trial and error and a bulls-eye shot into a

target when a digit is correct. Another game uses seven cannons and two colors of cannonballs and requires you to jump one over the other so the colors switch sides, while yet another requires choosing the correct number in a sequence, each of which brings a cowboy closer to lassoing a steer.

After you've mastered the lessons and exercises, there is a 25-question test that includes all the various disciplines. You'll be graded and shown your errors.

Even if you're oot facing a psychometric test in the near future, stick this in your disk drive for some excellent brain exercises that will keep your gray matter in

In search of Mary Poppins

The Louise Woodward case has conjured up fears

for many working parents. Allison Kaplan Sommer

looks at how to avoid a nanny nightmare

Tt's Monday morning, and the indoor playground in Tel Aviv's Gan Ha'ir mall sounds like the United Nations. As toddlers climb on the slides and peek in and out of the miniature plastic houses, their namies chat with one another in Hehrew, English, French, and Tagalog, the native language of the

Philippines.

Linda, a 22-year-old Filipina, chases Ziv. her year-old charge, chattering with him in a mixture of Hebrew and English,
"I've been taking care of him since

he was six months old," she says. Hiring foreigners to watch children is a fact of life in most of greater Tel Aviv and much of the rest of the country as well. Many families turn to foreign nannies or au pairs following problems with Israeli caregivers - usually over differences regarding salary and working hours.

Even the prime minister has done this. Following the Netanyahu family's fiasco last year with an Israeli nanny, the family recently obtained a permit for a Filipino one - a feat which is impossible for all but those with the best connections. Most people who want a foreign nanny must hire one illegally.

The controversial trial and conviction of 19-year-old Louise Woodward, the British au pair found guilty last week of murder in Massachusetts, has been followed closely by Israeli agencies that supply nannies and au pairs.

HILMA SHMOSHKOVITZ, a well-known Tel Aviv agent for nannies and au pairs, says that Woodward fell into the most misunderstood category of workers - the

There is a difference between a nanny and an au pair," she explains. "A nanny is a girl who only takes care of the child, feeds the child, cleans up after the child, does its laundry. But when a family takes an an pair, they expect her to keep the house clean, do the laundry, cook, and take care of the children.

"It's funny; the press called Tanya [Shaw] - the girl the Netanyahus fired - a nanny, but she was cooking for the wbole family, she was doing more than being a nanny."

She says she often gets imitated with families that want au pairs. "They want this girl to keep the house cleaner than they would

For the past year, she has been placing Israeli girls who, like Woodward, are willing to accept a low wage in order to work legally in the US.

age of 18, but I won't accept them that young. We say they must be after the army, usually aged 20-21, preferably with a driver's license, recommendations from people whose children they have cared for and a certain number of hours of child-care experience.

"The program I represent is called An Pair USA. The girls make only about \$140 a week, they commit to stay for the year, they undergo a week of orientation and training in New York before they go to the homes. Bot the employers have to know this is cultural exchange. They are supposed to have time to take a course if they wish."

And what of Louise Woodward? Like many, Smoshkovitz doesn't believe that the baby was murdered intentionally or necessarily abused. "She could have been so tired she dropped the baby."

TO ISRAELI parents frightened hy the Woodward story, she advises that such situations can best be avoided by keeping a close eye on one's nanny and making sure she is not overburdened.

"I had a young girl from South Africa available and a family that demanded some help immediately because the mother was about to give birth," she recollects. "I wasn't sure they fit one another hut I said that they could try out this girl and



Can you trust the person caring for your child? It's often a matter of instinct.

newborn, watch their two-year-old Most working parents end up having to trust a stranger with

"Well, it turns out that they expected her to take care of the

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and do the whole house. One day, she was so tired she slipped on the stairs with the bahy in her arms. Thank goodness the bahy was found to be fine when they took her to the hospital, It took this to make the family realize that they had asked too much from the girl."

clearly spelled out, problems can arise.

Einat Weil, 22, from Kfar Maimon, spent time working as an au pair for a British family in London.

"I thought we had spelled out my duties clearly in writing. But the problem is, once you are living in someone else's bouse, in a foreign country, you are totally dependent on them and it is fairly impossible to say no when they ask you to do a million and one things beyond what you agreed upon. And then there is the difficulty of understanding the mentality of a foreign family. It

wasn't easy." Shmoshkovitz says that in Israel "families ofteo put too much emphasis on the housework, keeping the house spic-and-span. The

baby should come first. "If they want everything to work out, they should understand the girls, and not expect from the girls

Even when an au pair's duties are demand of themselves if they were not working." Veronica Grossbard, who has

> 'Families often put too much emphasis on keeping the house spic-andspan. The baby should come first.

been an agent for nearly 20 years, says she has never had an Israeli family complain of any of her nannies abusing a child.

She says for families to feel comgirls, and not expect from the girls fortable with their nanny they like having much more than they would should "work with a reputable the family.

cies out there that are not professional - and always, always check references."

She concurs with Shmoshkovitz that families "must decide what's more important, the children or the housework. Many Israeli families feel if they have someone live in, they are on duty 24 hours a day."

SHIRA HOFFBERG (not her real name), a Tel Aviv businesswoman who is pregnant with her third child, has gone through a series of nannies from Ireland, Holland and South Africa. She says that references are not always enough to set a mother's mind at rest.

"I'm always worried - it doesn't take a horror story like Louise Woodward's to set it off. Personally, in Woodward's case, I believe that she dropped the baby and didn't beat him, but that's not much better, is it? I've had many namies and I've called references all over the world

"But how do you know who you are talking to? You never know. In the end you have to go with your gut feeling. I know I'm not the best nanny interviewer in the world, I'm

not good at first impressions.

When I have a new nanny, I try to keep in touch with home all day, and work shorter hours. I ask neighbors or my mother-in-law to drop in unannounced and see what's going on. You try, but it's hard and it's

Meirav Bar-On, a Rehovot attorney - who would not let her real name be used either - has been through a series of illegal nannies from various backgrounds. She has decided that hiring a foreign namy is too much of a risk. Her last foreign nanny simply disappeared.

She may have been deported she was African - or she may just have decided to quit and didn't want to tell us," she says.

Bar-On now employs a Russian immigrant, whom she found without the help of an agent.

"I wouldn't hire a foreign nanny without an agency, but here, unlike the US, if you are hiring someone local, you usually go through word of mouth, oot through an agency.

"I usually go with my instincts about someone and cross my fingers. What I try to do is really interrogate their references, ask the reference a million questions, keep them on the phone for an hour. It's the only way you can try to figure out whom you are bringing into your house.

Mor Shamgar, a Ramat Hasharon businesswoman with a five-year-"never" hire a foreign namy.

"First of all, I'm afraid of the law; I don't want to do something illegal. Secondly I want someone to speak Hebrew with my kids. And if, God forbid, if something happens, I certainly don't want my nanny afraid to go to the hospital or the authorities because she is afraid she will be caught and deported."

Her final reason is an issue much whispered about in the hallways of oursery schools and pediatric offices, but rarely discussed openly. Hiegais can sometimes disappear with half of your household goods."

says Shamgar. Rumors circulate throughout Tel Aviv, Herzliya and Ra'anana of trusted domestic workers taking thousands of dollars worth of goods. But police complaints are rare, because the families were breaking the law by employing someone illegally.

Despite the worry and the stories. most families with full-time working parents ultimately end up having to trust a stranger in their home caring for what is most precious to them. Few are as lucky as Shamgar: "When I was a child and my

mother was studying for a doctorate, she hired an Israeli nanny, who stayed with us as we grew up," she said. "Now that I have children, she is working for me. So it is really like having someone who is part of

Should toddlers watch television?



t's 8 a.m. in the Levi housebold. Adina has prepared 14month-old Ariel's breakfast and put it on his high-chair tray. She pulls the high chair around so it's facing the television and turns to her son. "Time for Sesame Street," she announces hrightly. Ariel smiles and puts up his arms for his mother to lift him into the chair. He cats while watching the by-now familiar characters on TV while Adina goes into the kitchen

to do the dishes. Three p.m. at the Cohens.

Sasha, 18 months old, brings the of Kansas and co-director of the 101 Dalmatians videotape to her mother. Irit hesitates. She knows Sasha will sit through he eotire movie as she has dozens of times before. She feels she shouldn't let her baby watch quite so much TV, but she also needs a break. She slips the video into the VCR while Sasha settles on the couch. After watching with her daughter for a few minutes, Irit goes into the kitchen to make herself a cup of coffee and phone a friend.

Both Adina and Irit relish the breaks television provides from life with an acrive and demanding baby or toddler. But both also wonder whether they are doing the right thing hy letting their little ones watch TV. Most of the classic books on

child-rearing say that babies and toddlers don't really watch television. "No one thought that kids under two-and-a-half paid any attention to TV until we bothered to look and see," said John Wright, professor of human development and psychology at the University

Center for Research oo the Influence of Television on Children. Studies show that babies as young as six months respond to the sights and sounds on a television screen and that childreo between one and two react to TV characters by imitating them, pointing, and naming them.

Experts say one-year-olds pay "selective attention" to TV (i.e. they notice intensity, contrast, change, movement, novelty and surprise). But as Adina, Irit and other parents know, many oneyear-olds are capable of watching an entire video movie.

Indeed, older children watch an average of 20 to 30 hours of television a week, which is more time than they spend on any other single waking activity. Does this habit begin in babybood?

According to Wright, it does. Eveo though a one-year-old may not be processing most of the content of what she or he watches (children this age recognize favorite characters, but won't pay

attention to the wbole sbow), Wright says that the "TV hahit" can begin early. Like many experts on the sub-

ject, Wright sounds ambivalent about whether or not TV-watching is harmful to yoong children. "Beware of using electronic babysitting," he tells parents. Yet when asked how harmful it is, he replies, "Not very, unless you do it all the time." In Wright's oninion, which he stresses is not databased, one-half hour of TV daily is plenty for a pre-school aged

cbild. Says Wright "Children today are going to get most of their information and spend more time interacting with electronic screens than they are with print on paper. Some of the best, most intellectually stimulating, culturally elevating, humanistically powerful things are going to come that way." Still, be says, it's important to limit the time children watch and more important to limit what

"It's important to limit the and make our own decisions.

time," he maintains, "because it's important to do all kinds of different things with one- and two-yearolds and no one thing should dominate." Wright believes educational TV can be a "positive compo-neot of a child's education when combined with a healthy dose of other activities such as exercise, good outrition and ourturing

Other child-development experts . warn that the short segments on most children's TV shows teach young children to want constant change, stimulation and excitement. They point out that one- and two-year-olds need to be moving, exploring, using their bodies and interacting with others rather than sitting passively in front of a

If we look to the experts for answers about whether or not to let our babies and toddlers watch TV, we'll get conflicting advice. The best we can do, as with most child-rearing dilemmas, is to take it all in, mix it with our intuition

GARDENER'S CORNER

The grand garlic

By BATSHEVA MINK 4 DAVID BRAUKER

gardener friend of ours recalls a farmer in Sussex, England who once claimed that his father lived to the age of 89 andhis mother to a ripe 94, as a result of eating plenty of garlic. And the son's own remarkable health and vigor, he believed, also stemmed from eating garlic.

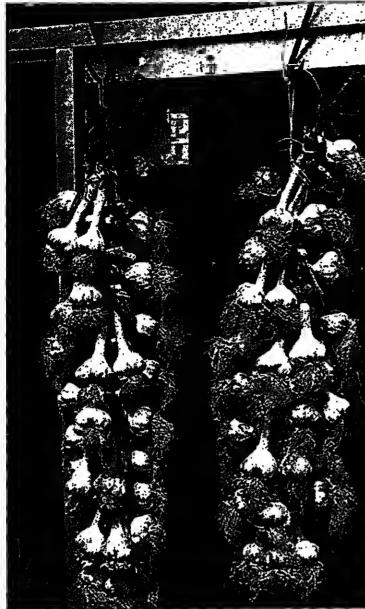
Since time immemorial legends, mostly to do with strength and endurance, have surrounded gar-lic. Its medicinal values have been recognized since ancient times. The Egyptians raised this medicinal plant to a divine status. They hung necklaces of garlic around children's necks to drive out

The Greek historian Herodotus, quoting an Egyptian tomb inscrip-tion, wrote that the Pharaoh Cheops ordered at great expense a large daily ration of garlic for all Israelite workers employed in the construction of the Great Pyramid in order to give them strength and protect them from epidemics. The taskmasters who were not forced to eat the garlic diet were said to have suffered from many infectious diseases.

For the Romans, garlic was the herb of Mars, the god of war. Consequently, Roman soldiers ate garlic to give them strength in battle. European legend holds that if a man chews on a garlic clove during a running race, no one will be able to get ahead of him (or even want to draw close). In Bohemia garlic is fed to dogs to make them fearless and strong.

One Egyptian medical listing from 1550 BCE recommends garlic as a remedy for 22 ailments, including headaches, bites, worms, heart problems and plague. The Roman scholar Pliny claimed garlic cured over 60 ailments. As an effective antiseptic, garlic was much in demand during World War L

In recent times garlic has been the subject of endless studies. It has been found to have a cholesterol-lowering effect. Garlic products, like oil capsules and tea,



and dietary supplements in the U.S. and Europe.

Recent medical research confirms that this plant contains a powerful ingredient that makes it a genuine asset in modern alternative medicine. This component called allicin is equivalent to a

have become top-selling health one-percent solution of penicillin. Its action destroys or inhibits bacteria, fungi and yeast. (Israel's Weizmann Institute is presently also conducting research into these extraordinary properties of garlic, as reported in: The Jerusalem Post, October 15.) However, allicin is unstable, and

cooking reduces its effectiveness. And it is also unfortunately the same ingredient that gives garlic its strong "anti-social" odor.

The lore of garlic also extends to the realms of religion and magic. According to Moslem tradition, when Satan stepped out of the Garden of Eden after the fall of man, garlic sprang up from the spot where he placed his left foot and onions where his right foot touched. Egyptian priests placed garlic on the altars of their gods as offerings. Several garlic bulbs were found in the tomb of Tutankhamen dating from c. 1358 BCE. In the Talmud, garlic was reputed to "bring love and remove jealousy" (Bava Kama, 82a).

Additionally, garlic has other practical uses. It is an insecticide. Also it makes a light contact cement, like rubber cement. Simply cut a clove in half, rub both parts to be glued and hold together until the juice is dry. And in the garden, there is a tradition that a clove of garlic planted near a rose bush will enhance the perfume of the rose blossoms, because the plant is provoked by competition into manufacturing more scent.

The garlic plant originated in southwest Siberia. From there it spread to China, where it is highly valued, and to southern Europe, where it became naturalized in the wild, especially in Sicily. Today it is widely cultivated in Mediterranean countries, where the climate is most suitable.

The English name "garlic" is of Anglo-Saxon origin, and derives from "gar," a spear and "lek," a leaf, (related to "leek"), and together the name refers to the spear-shaped leaves. The Hebrew for garlic, shum is only mentioned once in the Bible (Num. 11.5), but several times in the Talmud. The botanical name is Allium sanvum. Garlic belongs to the onion family, Liliaceae.

The tuberous root consists of bulblets, known as "cloves" grouped between membranous scales and held together by a whitisb skin. The number of cloves in a bulb, usually 15-30 but sometimes more, depends on how and window boxes, provided they



well the garlic is grown.

The other day we bought one bulb in the market for NIS 1.50 (NIS 12 a kilo). At home on splitting it, we found it contained 20 large cloves, each capable of growing into 20 complete bulbs. Not bad value.

In spring and early summer, garlic puts out small white flowers, tinged with red. Freshly harvested garlic has an almost sweet fruitiness which is very difficult to find in dried, faded garlies bought later in the year.

Garlic is one of the easiest herbs to grow. The largest cloves produce the best bulbs. Garlic will sprout in all soils, but prefers a rich, moist, sandy mixture. Before planting dig up the ground to aerate it, and break up the lumps. Add a generous amount of organic matter (compost), then rake the earth level. Garlic may be planted between now and February, but fall is the best time. Grow them in a sunny spot. Push each clove half its length into the soil with the pointed end up. Space cloves 15 cm. apart in rows 30-40 cm. apart. Sometimes they "spring out" after a few days or the birds knock them out. No harm done - just press them back in place again. As soon as their roots take, the cloves will be steadied in place.

Garlic can also be grown in pots

are exposed to full sun. You can also stick a few cloves between other plants if you are short of space. But remember to add a little

compost before planting. Don't let garlic dry out in hot weather. When growing well, nourish the plants with a liquid fertilizer every other week. Pinch off the flower beads early to divert all the growing energy into the

bulbs. When the leaves start to turn yellow, it is time to harvest your garlic, which is usually at the end of April.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner,

TIP OF THE WEEK

Anyone who grows gardic in quantity might feel the arge to. braid them into ropes. The sight along the twine around of hanging gardic ropes in your. 5. Comming artifling of hanging garlic ropes in your kitchen will give it a homey nistic look. Here's how to make a

garlic rope: though at the large and the state of the leaves dry out for a week or two. If the tops become builtie, spray them lightly with water to make them plinble. Carefully rab off any soil still attached to the builds.

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around a low times to second

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Pet-proofing your home

By DYORA BEN SHAUL

ost accidents happen in the home, and that's as true for pets as it is for people. Dogs and cats get hit by motor vehicles and are poisoned by pesticides, and herbicides, but many more get into trouble without ever leaving their home turf.

According to a pathologist from the Veterinary Institute in Beit Dagan, the most common cause of death in dogs is the consumption of indigestible material (second only to poisoning). One major danger is an intestinal obstruction caused by eating foam rubber or synthetic scouring pads. Never make a puppy a bed from material that it can tear up and swallow. It's best to use an old blanket or a piece of carpet.

But there are other household accidents that kill both dogs and kittens, sometimes even parrots. Gnawing at electric wires (particularly attractive is a dangling extension cord) can prove lethal to nets. It is advisable to keep extension cords and appliance wires out of puppy and kitten reach. If that is not possible, pass them through a length of garden hose, plastic inb-ing, or such insulated material. (The hose or tubing can be easily cut down its length and taped together once the cord is inside. Or tape the wires firmly to the wall so

or puppy is to be left alone, it should be confined to an area of the house that lacks such enticements. Parrots must never be left unattended in a room that has any exposed electrical cords. While a kitten or puppy may ignore such an attraction if it doesn't dangle alluringly, a parrot will find it even if it is taped to the wall.

If you let your parrot or parakeets out of their cage, be sure the curtains are drawn lest the bird fly into the clear glass window. And make sure that all fires are out and that the hot-plate of the stove is cool. A bird can easily land on it while it is too bot. In general, birds should always be closely supervised when let out.

Pets can also get poisoned inad-vertently in the home. For example, someone puts rat poison in a storeroom or attic. The rats and mice eat the poison; the cats - and sometimes dogs - eat the mice and die. What's more, many pets have been poisoned by drinking the water from the lavatory where toilet-bowl disinfectant bars or liquids are in use. These chemicals are extremely toxic. And, all too often, pets eat cockroach poison. Many cage birds and aquarium fish die from exposure to aerosol sprays containing insecti-Therefore, one should never leave cage birds in the room when spraying it with insecticides

they aren't so tempting. If a kitten or even room fresheners and aerosol-packed carpet and upholstery cleaners. Also, be sure to disconnect the air pump of the aquarium and cover it well with several layers of newspaper before using toxic materials in the room. Remove the covering and reconnect the air pump only when the room has been thoroughly

Just as you would always keep chemicals out of the reach of children, keep them out of the reach of pets. This includes detergents, oven cleaners, and fat-removing compounds. Dogs will often bite right through plastic bottles and get caustic burns to the mouth, paws and muzzle. They have even been known to bite through the thin wall of aerosol cans. Cats, in playing with bottles, sometimes manage to dislodge the cap and let the liquid out, with similar fatal

. The other important thing to remember is to never leave a dog alone in the car in the summer, not even with the windows partially open, not even in the shade. A great number of dogs get heat stroke from this. And be sure your pets have constant access to clean

Most of these rules are essentially a matter of common sense, and observing them can belp guarantee the well-being of your

animal companions.



A few preventative measures around the house can protect your pet from harm.

(Sarit Uziely)

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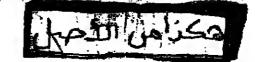
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BUSINESS&FINANCE

By STEVE RODAN

SEATTLE - The newly merged US aerospace giant Boeing is negotiating with Israel Aircraft Industries in a major project aimed at launching a network of satellites to widen worldwide access to the

Boeing officials said IAI has responded to a Request for Proposals on the Teledesic program, which envisages sending up at least 288 satellites between 2001 and 2003. The project's estimated worth is \$10 hitl:on.

IAI executives are seeking several contracts concerning the satellites' electronics, satellile stabilization and control systems. The con-tracis could total close to \$500 mitlian. "We haven't decided what to do vei, Boeing Vice President Mike Boyce said. "We're in the middle of a compension."

An IAi executive confirmed bis company is negotiating with Boeing, but said the talks are at an early stage.

Boeing executives said that other companies competing for the contracts include the US company Honeywell. the Japanese Mitsubishi, and the German Dasa. Teledesic was launched by Microsoft founder Bill Gates. II aims to place a network of satellites in the sky to provide such ser-

vices as Internet access, video conferencing, and other digital data services. The project is privately funded by Gates, Boeing and telecommunications pioneer Craig McCaw.

Teledesic is one of several projects which Boeing is discussing with Israeli contractors, following a strategic decision made receotly to tap into Israeli high-tech expertise, company executives say.

The Seattle-hased company which merged this year with McDonnell Douglas is competing for a \$2.5 hillion dollar contract to provide Israel with its next squadron of fighter planes.

Boeing won the contract in the

1994 competition and the first F-15I will be rolled out in a ceremomy in St. Louis tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Israel is expected to issue a request for information within days to both Boeing and Lockheed for pricing and availability of F-15 and F-16 fighter aircraft, according to the Londonbased Jane's Defense Weekly, to be published today.

The request is expected to be for between 40 and 60 aircraft, which will replace Israel's A-4 Skyhawk fleet, and a decision is expected next year, with "offsets" playing a significant role in the decision.

Despite this, these companies

The tourism industry is expect-

ed to be affected by the deadlock

in the peace process, while bank-

ing and brokerage firms are expected to present improved

results because of a sharp rise in

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Bezeq considers suing Telrad, **Tadiran**

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and Globes news service

The Bezeq board of directors was scheduled to meet last night to discuss cartel practices allegedly committed hy both Tadiran Communications and Telrad Telecommunication & Electronic industries, company director Ezriel Nevo, who represents British communications company Cahle & Wireless, said yesterday.

Some directors said Bezeq should joitiate a civil suit for significant damages against its switching suppliers.

Earlier io the week, published reports said the two companies drafted a document in 1987 outlining a price-fixing scheme for switchboards, as well as plans to coordinate hids for Bezeq tenders. Such practices are in violation of the Restraint of Trade Law.

Executives from both companies allegedly approved the agreement and have been following it since.

"The subject cannot be passed over. It seems that in the distant past people were involved in the matter," Nevo said.

Operatiog a cartel is punishable by two years' imprisonment or a non-specified fine. If found guilty, the company directors would be subject to a more severe punishmeot, since it would mean that

they lied to government officials. Earlier in the year, Koor, the parent company of both Tadiran and Telrad, submitted documents saying the two firms compete fiercely in the area of private switchboards.

There was also talk of registering a complaint with the police against Tadiran Communications and Telrad, so that the police would investigate whether the two companies had committed deception against Bezeq and other companies. The Antitrust Authority has begun inspecting many documents seized earlier in the week from the offices of Koor, Telrad, Tadiran Communications and Tadiran.

No one has been summoned for questioning. A senior government official involved in the investigation said he believes a document outlining cartel practices does exist. Executives at Tadiran, Telrad,

and Koor denied the allegations.

Royal **Jordanian** protests Israel's limit on customers

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Royal Jordanian Airlines issued a complaint to the Civil Aviation Administration over the fact that the government has limited the airline to serving 450 passengers to and from Israel a week.

Shaweki Abu-Ghazaleh, the area manager for Royal Jordanian, pointed out that when the agreement between Israel and Jordan was signed, it was decided to impose the limitation for six months and then reexamine the deal.

Meanwhile, he said, a year and a half have passed and the limitation is still in force. He said the Tel Aviv-Amman route has a 70 percent occupancy rate, meaning the airline occasionally has had to turn away large groups that wanted to visit Jordan. What this meant, he said, was that the tourism ministers of the two countries tried to encourage joint tourism, while the Transport Ministry discouraged it. He added that while Jordanians

who wanted to take advantage of El Al's low fares to New York faced no harriers, Israelis who wanted to enjoy Royal Jordanian's cheap fares to the Far East, were sometimes deterred by the limit. Moshe Hananel, director of Galilee Tours, Royal Jordanian's representative in Israel, said the

airline bad appealed several times to the CAA to no avail.

In response, Transport Ministry spokesman Avner On said Israel is examining the Jordanian request. However, he added, since the Royal Jordanian flights are not filled to capacity, the situation would not appear to warrant a change.



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State revenues up 2%

State revenues from taxes and other fees totaled NIS 89.9 billion during the first 10 months of the year, a two percent increase in real terms from the same period last year, the Treasury reported yesterday. The Income Tax and Purchase Tax Department collected NIS 49.7b., a 4.7% real-term increase over last year. Income tax receipts were up 10%, mainly because of a 23% decline in income tax refunds. However, revenue from purchase tax was down 22%, which the Treasury attributed to a dwindling real estate market. There was a 1% real-term decline in Customs and VAT Department income, with officers collecting some NIS 38b. An 8% fall in customs duty receipts was because of declining imports of durable goods, said the Treasury. Domestic non-VAT taxes collected by the department increased 9%, principally because of increased taxation on fuel and tobacco. David Harris

Diamond exports down 39%

Polished diamond exports fell 39 percent in October to \$258 million from \$421 m. in the same period one year ago, the Ministry of Industry and Trade said. The ministry attributed the drop to the holiday season, when husiness is usually slower and which last year fell in September.

Jennifer Friedlin which last year fell in September.

Thai economic woes

A Thai stock investor checks a local newspaper yesterday which headlined the planned resignation of Thai Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh over the nation's economic troubles. After the prime minister's announcement, Thai stock prices staged an energetic rally with the benchmark index climbing 6.9% yesterday.

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Study: Firms to show better 3rd quarter results

By DAN GERSTENFELD

A study published vesterday by the equities research and consuitdepartment of Bank Hapoalim projected that the third quarter earning reports of Israeli companies will show moderate income growth.

The first earning reports will be published in the oext few weeks. Hapoalim economists predict that a relatively high number of holding companies will report gains as a result of improved sales and public offerings by their subsidiaries.

The companies listed include Discount Investments, which sold its holdings in lscar to the

Wertheimer family in August, for \$130 million; Koor Industries, which is expected to post a capital gain of NIS 27m. from the sale of Algorithmic Research to Cylink Corp; Macpell Industries, which is expected to report a capital gain of NIS 125m. from the initial public offering of Tefron Ltd. in New York; and Formula Systems which is expected to post profits of about \$18m. from a secondary offering of its subsidiary Crystal Systems Solutions in New York.

An economic slowdown which has been blamed for a decline in private spending and for hindering growth rates, is expected to have a negative impact on the third quarter reports.

On the other hand, increasing competition and strict monetary policy are said to bave forced local companies to become more efficieot, and could lead to a slight improvement in gross and operating profits margins in comparison to the third quarter of 1996.

on corporate expenses.

quarter because of the shekel's appreciated 3.79% against the dollar during the last three month after a sharp depreciation in the second quarter. Real estate companies are likely to show declining profits due Moreover, rising unemploy-meot, which bas led to lower to a slowdown in the housing market.

demands for wage increases, is expected to have a positive impact Export oriented companies.

especially those who report in US dollars, are expected to show improved results compared to the same period last year, based on the depreciation of the shekel against the US currency.

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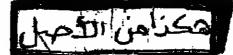


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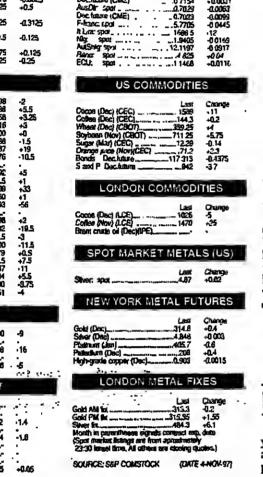
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TASE falls amid Dow fears

Tel Aviv

Stock prices fell yesterday amid concern that US stocks would drop, and as Bezeq Ltd. was hurt by the government's plans to introduce competition in telecommunications.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks fell 0.83 percent to 296.18. The Mishtanim Index fell 0.70% to 288.45. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of fell 0.56% to

Bezey sank 2% after the government released a report detailing ways to increase competition, particularly in the local phone market, in which Bezey has a monop-

Investors are also concerned the phone company's third-quarter carnings will show lower profitability, said Ira Slomowitz, in sales and trading at Israel Brokerage and Investments, a Tel

Israeli investors were preoceupied with trading in world murkets, said Slomowitz, "As Hong Kong dropped, and S&P futures fell, people got worried," he said.

Gaining shares included companies that rose yesterday in New York, Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's largest industrial producer, rose 0.25% and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, the country's biggest drugmaker, rose

Europe

European stocks slipped vesterday, with Germany leading the decline after Asian and US shares weakened and a falling dollar hobbled exporters such as Volkswagen AG, the region's largest automaker.

European bonds followed US Treasuries higher amid optimism global inflation remains subdued. Among the region's benchmark equity indexes, the DAX Ibis index of Germany's top stocks fell 1.3% while the AEX Index in the Netherlands declined 1.2%. The U.K.'s FTSE 100 Index, the benchmark measure of Europe's largest stock market, slid 0.18%, with most European indexes fulling less than half a percent.

"I am exceedingly cautious,"



Maof 296.18 ▼ 0.83% Dow Jones 7689 A 0.20% FTSE 4897.4 ▼ 0.18% Nikkei 16500.1 A 0.25%

said Tom Eyre, investment manager at BWD Rensburg Ltd. in Leeds which has S2 billion under management. "We haven't seen the worst uf this yet." with a repeat of last week's slump in stocks repeatable at any moment, he said.

"Investors are still nervous and confused about why there was a bounce-back. The overall concern is that there is something out of joint in the US" said Paul Brunker, an equities salesman at Roben Fleming Securities Ltd.

Asia

Japanese stocks rose, led by electronics exporters such as Sooy Corp. and Canon Inc., on the surge in US markets overnight.

Those gains were partly offset by declines among troubled brokerages and construction companies after Sunyo Securities Co. filed for coun protection from creditors yesterday.

"It's clearly a polurized market, where blue chips with good earnings rise and brokerages and construction companies in severe fiscal straits fall," said Masayasu Sugawara, a strategist at Marusan Securities Co.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 41.16 points. or 0,25%, to 16,500.10. The hroader Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange rose 5.84 points, or 0.46%, to 1282.96. Decliners outpaced gainers by about six to five on the first section.

Gains were capped as New York's rise could not fully erase concerns about Japan's domestic (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

· NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks drifted bigher yesterday, the calmest session in two weeks, padding Monday's big rally and chipping away at the little remaining damage from last week's turn-

The Dow Jones industrial average recovered from a morning loss of 52 points and rose 14.74 points to 7,689.13, only about 26 points of its level before last Monday's staggering 554-point

slide. Oo Monday, the Dow bolted 232 points higher, its third biggest point gain ever.

Broad-market measures also brushed off some early weakness spurred by another rocky day of trading on overseas markets.

Volume was heavy by normal standards, but continued to slow from the breakneck pace seen last week.

The Dow is now up 19% for 1997, but is still nearly 600 points below its record close at 8,259.31. on August 6, wheo it was up 28%

Dollar falls against mark on Hong Kong

The dollar fell against the mark as investors expect a slide in Hong Kong stocks to hinder the US recovery, dampening demand for the dollar.

The US currency extended those losses after Bundesbank Chief Economist Otmar Issing said the aim of European central hanks should be securing a low inflation climate for European economic and monetary union in 1999, a feat that will likely require higher interest rates.

In Hong Kong, stocks failed to extend a two-day rally, prompling investors to bet in the futures market that US shares fall. That would undermine the dollar as investors selling the shares convert their dollar proceeds into

"We might see a sell-off initially in New York, but it really depends on what happens after the first half-hour," said Neil Parsons, a treasury economist at the Royal Bank of Scotland, "If the markets falls further, it's not going to do anything to help investor confidence.

The dollar fell to 1,7222 marks. from 1.7350 late Monday. Against the yea, it rose to 121.59 from 120,97. Both the dollar and the mark strengthened against the yen after Sanyo Securities Co., a Japanese second-lier

brokerage.yesterday filed for bankruptcy. Its collapse fueled expectations the Bank of Japan will maintain record-low interest other currencies, such as the rates to shore up troubled finan-



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cial institutions.

"Sanyo Securities has clearly added to concern about the Japanese economy and tbat's weighing on the yen," said Nick Stamenkovic, an economist at DKB International,

The mark stands to benefit the most against the Japanese currency, given concern Japanese and American officials don't want the yen to weaken further against the US currency, Stamenkovic said. Elsewhere in Asia, Hong

Kong's benchmark Hang Seng Index fell 4.21% overnight, giving up yesterday's 5.94% gain. The US has taken its cues from

the Hong Kong market in recent weeks, after a 23% plunge there last month triggered a worldwide decline in stocks amid concern about a global economic slowdown.

'The market's focus is still on the equity market, and I don't think we're out of the woods yet." said Stamenkovic. The Standard and Poor's 500 Index futures for against the mark.

US stocks fell 5.20 percentage points, indicating the benchmark Dow Jones Industrial Average and other shares will open lower.

The Dow bas regained 4.0% since Friday, after two weeks of turmoil that peaked when the Dow fell more than 7% last Monday, the biggest decline since the Crash of 1987.

The dollar rose yesterday on the back of the Dow, but today people are scratching their beads a bit and wondering wby they bought the dollar in the first place," said Parsons at the Royal Bank of Scotland. The prospect of bigher German interest rates, which would boost the return on mark-denominated deposits, is also undermining the dollar (Bloomberg)

Oil traders look anxiously to Iraq-UN talks

COMMODITIES

Precious metals

Gold rose in interbank trading yesterday. Prices rose in New York as jewelers took advantage of prices close to a 12 1/2-year low to replenish their stockpiles in preparation for end-of-year holidays. when demand peaks, Gold reached its lowest price since 1985 last Monday after a Swiss government panel recontmended that Switzerland sell more than half its gold reserves. The low prices attracted jewelers who normally stock up at this time of year for their busy season. Spot gold rose \$1.45 to \$315.15

an ounce.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures were little changed, with few traders willing to sell until they know the outcome of talks between UN envoys

and Iraq over the expulsion of US members of the UN body charged with ridding Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction. Traders are concerned the UN will cancel Iraq's limited oil sales, cutting world of supplies by about I percent, or take military action.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, December Brent futures were down 2 cents to \$19.93 a barrel.

Others

Copper fell for a second day as a report that Japanese car sales slowed last month reinforced increasingly bleak perceptions of demand for metals in Asia, Japan's domestic vehicle sales felt 13 percent in October, according to a regular report from the Japan Automobile Dealers Association. The decline, the seventh in as many months, is a sign that demand for metals such as copper.

Gold \$315.55 ▲ 1.85% Crude Oil \$19.88 ▼ 0.07 CRB 239.95 A 0.2%

nickel and aluminum is flagging in the world's second largest econo-

Three-month copper fell \$15 to \$1.982 a ton on the London Metal Exchange. The LME's benchmark three-month forward copper con-

tract fell \$16 to \$1,981 a ton. Tin rose to a 12-day bigh as stockpiles of the metal held in London Metal Exchange warehouses fell to a 7 1/2-month low. LME tin inventories totaled 9,820 metric tons after today's daily

term. Longer-term, lin's poor demand outlook is unlikely to suslysts said. The three-month forward tin

LME report the lowest level since.

contract on the LME rose \$50 to \$5,590 a ton after gaining \$55 yesterday. Robusta coffee futures were lit-

tle changed to higher on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. The 1997-98 crop front Indonesia, the world's largest producer of lower-grade robusta coffee. is expected to be 40% smaller than the 7.6 million bags produced last year due to drought related to the El Nino weather pattern, traders

Robusta coffee for January delivery rose \$7 to \$1,477 a metric ion on the London International Financial Futures and Options

Cocon fell to its lowest price in March 21 and a sign demand is more than three and a half months. improving at least in the short- amid expectations for increasing sales from Ivory Coast in the fourth quarter of this year. Rain in ivory Coast in October eased cern (hat drought from July through September would reduce the size of this year's cocoa crop from the world's largest producer.

Cocoa for March delivery fell £15 (\$25) to £1.041 a metric ton on the Liffe. White sugar futures fell amid

expectations for a record European Union sugar beet crop this year. Ideal growing conditions during the summer have aided the development of the current EU sugar beet crop, which will proba-bly be a record 19.2 million tons, raw value, this year, up from 17.9 million tons in 1996-97, analysts said. The European Union is the largest exporter of refined white sugar. White sugar for March delivery fell \$1.70 to \$316.80 a metric ton on Liffe. (Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed; investors brace for sales

BONDS

US bonds were little changed as investors prepared for sales of \$47

to get through this week and its going to be lough to mount any sort of rally," said Marcello Frusiaci, a bond trader at Daiwa Securities America Inc., one of the 38 primary dealers required to bid

The benchmark 30-year bond fell 2/32, or 63 cents per \$1,000 bond, to 102 5/32, leaving its yield at 6.21 percent. The two-year note's yield was little changed at 5.68%. Treasuries earlier climbed as much as 11/32 as stocks fell in Hong Kong, increasing the anraetiveness of Treasury debt as a safe

The Hang Seng dropped more than 4% to 10780.78, adding to the tumult that has seen the index fall more than 20% in the past two weeks and prompting concern the drop will be followed by declines in US stocks.

The Conference Board, meantime, reported that its index of leading economic indicators rose 0.2% in September, the same increase as in August and in line with expectations. The index is designed to prediet the strength of the economy over the next six months,

Bond traders have been taking cues mostly from stocks for more than a week, snapping up Treasuries when stocks fell, only to sell bonds when stocks rose. Overall, the effect of turmoil in Asia and declines in US stocks has

helped bonds, driving yields on benchmark 30-year bonds down

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US 30 -yearT-bill yield 6.21 no change

21 basis points since October 22. Still, investors may be reluctant to drive yields much lower with the Treasury preparing to sell a slew of debt this week.

Yesterday's auction will be followed by the Treasury's sale of \$11 billion of 10-year notes today and \$10 billion of 30-year bonds tomorrow. It already sold \$15 billion of three- and six- month bills on Monday and will sell \$12 bil-

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lion of one-year notes tomorrow. "A lot of the issues, you could argue; are expensive," Matthew Alexy, a bond strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston. The new three-year note, for instance, is trading at a yield of 5.75% in when-issued trading, which occurs before the securities are delivered.

That's only a quarter point more than the current 5.5% target for overnight lending between banks. and offers little value without the expectation that the Fed is poised to cut rates - which few expect, truders said. Sull. subdued inflation will like-

ly keep the central bank from raising rates anytime soon, traders said. So far this year, consumer prices are up at a 1.8% annual rate, the slowest pace in 11 years. That's good news for bond investors because inflation erodes the value

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between banks by a quarter point to 5.50%. The policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee next meets November 12. This week's main economic report comes Friday, when the government releases its figures on October employment. The economy probably added 203,000 jobs

last month, after adding 215,000 in

September, according to econo-

mists surveyed by Bloomberg

of bonds' fixed payments.
The Fed last changed interest

rates in March, raising the target

rate for overnight borrowing

The Labor Department's employment report is typically a market-mover because it's considered one of the best measures of the economy's strength and the

prospects for faster inflation. (Bloomberg)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

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(Rates vary higher or lower than Indicated according to deposit)

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billion of new government debt in coming days, starting with an auction of \$14 billion of three-year notes yesterday. The market has a lot of supply

at Treasury debt sales.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Kupat Holim Leumit, 26 Bezalel. 624-8748; Balsam, Salah e-Din, 627-2315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 581-0108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 628-2058. Tel Aviv: Superpharm Gimel, 1

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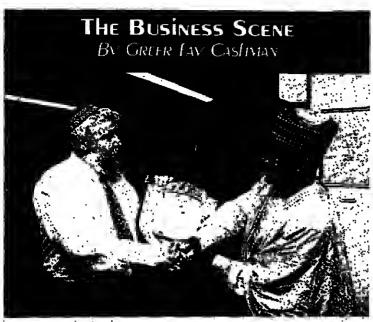
Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110.
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HEBREW UNIVERSITY. Tours of the



In a meeting with Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy in Jerusalem, Nigerian Aviation Minister Udu-Ima (right) brought up the aviation agreement that was signed between Israel and Nigeria in the early 1960s, but never implemented. The aviation minister, who believes the agreement has been frozen for far too long, wants to establish a new Nigeria-Egypt-Israel air ronte which will involve flying over the skies of several Arab states. He pointed out that many Nigerian pilgrims will be interested in coming to Israel in the year 2000, and that it was up to Israel to make it easier for them to travel here by cutting red tape and introducing more convenient and less expensive air : routes between the two countries.

Prof. Aliza: Sheubar, who has just completed her term as Israel's ambassador to Russia, has been elected president of the Academic College of the Jezreel Valley. Offered several options in academia, politics, education; public institutions and organizaidency of the college because it prescrited not only a challenge but new creative opportunities for academic development. Prof. Shenhar, who prior to embarking on a diplomatic career was rector of Haifa University, also filled several executive positions in various organizations.

Haya Emgar has been appointed manager of the Eilat branch of the Greenberg chain of supermarkets. "Technion, acts as a consultant in She was previously the manager of the household mensils division of the chance femalem onlot

Avi Baum has been appointed. deputy director of finances at Rickmor, the Istael franchisee. for, Burger King and Planet Hollywood, Baum, 31, was proviously the company's comptrol-Pizza five years ago, has managed ler and before that worked in the branches in Ben-Guiton Airport

and Associates. A graduate of Ben-Gurion University, he majored in economics and accountancy and has lectured on accountancy at Holon College.

Denshar has announced the appointment of Joel Attler as its general manager. Prior to his promotion, Adler, 39, served as: the company's deputy director of

Nachi Laor, founder of the Apropo restaurant chain, which now has 36 branches throughout the country, has signed a. \$450,000 contract for 215 television commercials, the first of which aired last month.

Shenkar College graduate Talia Bork has been appointed to manage the Ralph Lauren store. in Israel: A long-time Polgat employee, she has worked as commercial manager, designer, and fashion coordinator in the company's measwear division. In addition to her Shenkar diploma, she has a BA in drama from Tel Aviv University. Other than tions. Sheahar accepted the pres- her work at Polgat, she has served as a fashion lecturer at Shenkar and Hadassah-WIZO. College in Haifa.

> Business management and labor relations expert Prof. Amira Galin has been appointed head of the Lahay Center for Management Negotiations at Tel Aviv University's Management Faculty. Galin, who earned her doctorate inmanagement sciences at the Haifa varied spheres of management and labor relations and frequently appears as the public's representative in the National Labor Court.

Domino's Pizza has amounced the appointment of Elder Mandil as the company's training manager Mandil who joined Domino's accounting firm of Eliezer Oren Ramar Aviv and Rehovot

Picking up the pieces

Following last week's shakeup, there's more reason than ever to exercise caution

iven the rapidly changing and significant moves in world equity markets right now - including our own - I'm breaking from the routine to write another portfolio piece this week. Although a great deal may have changed by the time you read this piece, we now have some kind of clue as to what's been going on. Just to recap, the Dow crashed, then recovered a good chunk of its losses, continued to rise, fell back to end Wednesday with small gains and then started diving again

on Thursday, only to regain some composure on Friday. The TASE behaved almost comically because of the various weird and wonderful rules under which it operates. The big stocks crashed while the Exchange authorities halted trade in the Karam stocks. Then the Karam stocks plunged as the big stocks recovered sharply, following the bounce on Wall Street. They ended the week falling sharply following New York's Wednesday fall.

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bounced around all over the place, usually following New York. The two markets that everyone was watching most closely were New

York and Hong Kong. In a week in which the general share index fell by 9.92 percent, our conservative portfolio mir-rored the index, falling by an identical 9.92%, while the aggressive portfolio fell 11.4%. The new defensive portfolio barely budged since it is almost entirely in cash. In the conservative portfolio, almost everything took a hit, but exposure to New York and the Far East was particularly painful. Twenty-seven percent was wiped off the value of our largest holding and star performer, Orbotech. As I predicted last week, anything associated with industries in which the Far East plays a big part, like semiconductors, took a

heavy bearing. Indeed, in the aggressive portfolio much of the damage was due to Tower Semiconductor being hit hard. Despite reporting better than expected earnings during the week, the company hinted that business since the

Neil's Portfolio

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quarter-end was slowing down, and at least one analyst cut his earnings forecast. The stock was sliced from \$21 to \$12 almost overnight. The semicon connection did not help. Taking some profit out of Tower and Orbotech holdings proved not to have been such a bad move after all.

In general, everything got burt. Some things took a real pounding, others less, including liquid stocks, which is the opposite of what one would expect in more developed markets. My explanation, for what it's worth, is as fol-lows: In normal markets, investors prune their marginal boldings first, and there is often enough liquidity to allow them to do so. They sometimes dump smaller stocks indiscriminately. In either case small stocks take a beating. The bargain bunters in these situa-

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PERSONAL FINANCE tions, the bolder institutions and the share bnyers-back (IBM announced a \$3.5 billion share buy back as the market was crashing - good for the market, good for IBM shareholders) wade in to buy quality, liquid and therefore bigger stocks.

In the TASE, by contrast, the only things you could sell in the effective buyers strike of last week were the bigger stocks. Hence the pounding they took. In some cases nobody bothered trying to sell smaller stocks. In others, I suspect, there were insiders mopping up loose stock. When insiders own 90% of a company's stock, there are not that many people to sell, and if the insiders decide to pick up the stock, it provides very good support for

My personal sense is that short term the markets are headed south. World markets, New York in particular, are still somewhat overvalued, and by this time the focus has shifted from Hong Kong to Wall Street.

Mr. Greenspan's reassuring words notwithstanding, last week's shakeup is probably the first step on the way back to fair value, which some analysts put at between 6,000 and 6,500 on the Dow. In one scenario, there would be a further correction now, preparing the ground for another upward march. Alternatively, we could see a long period of sideways movement which would gnaw away at investor confidence and probably result in an overshoot on the downside. This could potentially damage economic optimism and confidence and thereby become a

markets, slower growth. There's no way of knowing where the markets are headed in how they are going to get there. In any event, the risks are clearly far greater on the downside, and if at any time caution is called for now is that time.

The TASE is probably quite fairly valued right now, but like it or not, we are going to move in tandem with Wall Street. Too many of the bigger TASE compa-nies have dual listings or NAS-DAQ holdings, and US investor. confidence or lack of it is felt the world over. Juts look at last week's market performance for

This said, a sustained period of uncertainty will likely create many attractive buying opportsnities as we tend to swing from one extreme of valuation to the other. There are already some convertibles I'm eyeing. So I think the coming weeks, and possibly months, will see us doing a lot of sitting on our hands, perhaps picking up bargains here

I'm comfortable with our portfolios. There's very little, if anything, in the way of the speculative junk that gets wiped out when the markets turn down. So, even though I'm rather pessimistic on a global level, I'm not going to try too hard to time the markets and

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CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan rescued the Chicago Bulls again Monday night. He hit a 3-pointer to force over-

time, made a tying jumper in the first overtime and scored three of Chicago's final four points in the second extra period as the Bulls outlasted the San Anionio Spurs 87-83.

Jordan, who shot just 12-of-39 from the field, finished with 29 points and 13 rebounds. Dennis Rodman had 22 rebounds for the

San Antonio rookie Tim Duncan also had 22 rehounds along with 19 points. David Rohinson had 21 points and 12 rehounds for the Spurs.

Chicago led by four io the sec-ond overtime hut Rohioson dunked and Rodman drew a technical foul for lowering his shoulder into his former teammate on the play. Jaren Jacksoo's free throw cut the lead to one with 2:14 remaining.

The Spurs had a chance for the lead but Jordan made a steal and Rodman and Ron Harper grabbed offensive rebounds as the Bulls kept the ball before Jordan scored again for an 85-82 lead.

Wizards 90, Jazz 86 Chris Webber scored 26 points and Rod Strickland had 17 points and nine assists as Washington snapped Utah's 14-game home

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 21 points, but last year's MVP missed three jumpers late in the game as Washington survived a Utah rally.

Both teams are now 1-2,

Malone tied the game at 78 by hilling two free throws with 3:22 left, but Strickland and Calbert Cheaney hit clutch jumpers down the stretch to seal the victory.

Hornets 112, Heat 99 Glen Rice scored 28 points as visiting Charlotte won its first game of the season.

The Homeis, who lost their first two games, also got 20 points from David Wesley and 16 points apiece from Matt Geiger and Del

Rice, the NBA's third-leading scorer last season with a 26.8 average, scored a total of only 21 points in his first two games this season. But he snapped out of his slump against his former team. making 11 of 17 shots from the field aod grahhing eight rebounds.

Jamal Mashhurn scored 18 points for Miami, which was hidding for a 3-0 start for only the second time in franchise history.

Monday's results: Charlotte II2, Miami 99 Washington 90, Utah 86 Chicago 87, San Antonio 83 (201)

Shaq fined, suspended for hitting Ostertag

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal was suspended for one game and fined \$10,000 Monday for hining Utah center Greg. Ostertag last week between practice sessions.

The suspension means O Neal would mass last night's game at

Earlier Monday, O'Neal included his own Los Angeles Lakers in a written apology to Ostettag and admitted he had failed to set a good

writen apology to Osteriag and admitted he had faired to set a good example for young people.

Thope he accepts my apology and that he and I can put behind as any bad feelings. O Neat said of Osteriag.

I made a mistake Instead of focusing upon what is best for the team. I got caught up in the drama of the season's first given and meached emotionally instead of legically.

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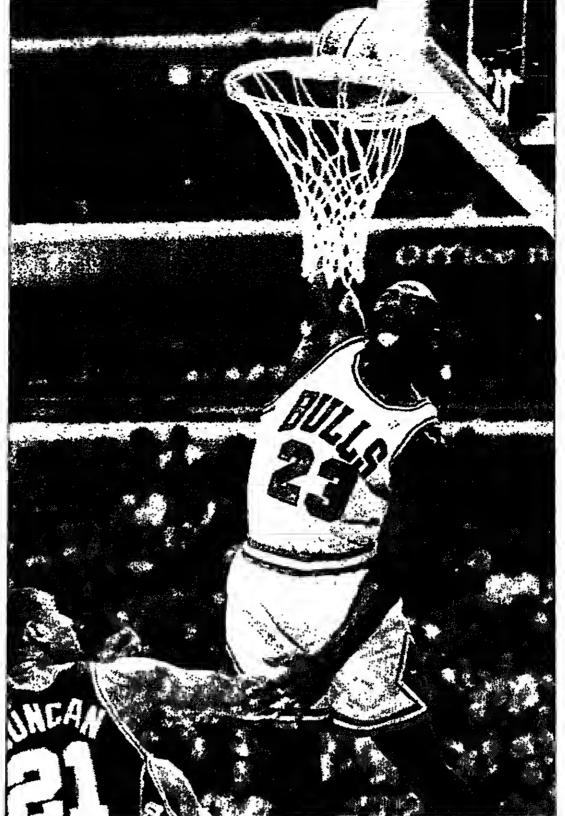
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O'Neal also applies to this own team, specifically to owner leny Buss and executive vice president leny West, and to fans. He added that young people shouldn't instate what he did.

Tackneyledge my responsibility to set a good example for young people and 1 infant that a did not do so." O'Neal said.

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DUNKIN' OVER DUNCAN- Chicago's Michael Jordan dunks in front of San Antonio's Tim

Tyson expects lifetime ban

NEW YORK (AP) - Mike Tyson believes he will request reinstatement after one year.

Tyson said he believed people want him to beg for not regain his boxing license, suspended by the Nevada Athletic Commissioo because he bit Evander Holyfield twice during their heavyweight champi-

onship fight. In a US television interview Monday night, Tyson was asked whether be thought the commission would

reinstate him oext year. Truly, I think I'll be hanned for the rest of my life," Tyson said.

"I truly think everyone hates me," he said. "I truly believe that. Because no one gets punished more than I am. But I understand. I'm a hig hoy and I believe hig boys have big ordeals to be dealt with."

Tyson was suspended by the commission following the Holyfield fight last June at Las Vegas. He can

mercy. "I'm not that way with anyone," he said. "This is who I am and maybe sometimes it's the insecurity." Tyson said he feels "disgust, disdain and humiliation" when he watches tapes of the Holyfield fight.

"I shouldn't have done that," he said of the biting. "It was just striking out and totally hatred right there.

I shouldn't have done that because for that one moment. I just forgot he was a human being."

Tyson, who was joined for a segment of the interview hy his wife, Dr. Monica Turner, and three of their children, said he has been in therapy since the fight, trying to change some things about himself. "I'm not a stable person. I have a problem. There's no doubt about that."

US Olympic ice hockey team has 17 NHLers

(Reuters) - Philadelphia Flyers left winger John LeClair and New York Rangers defenseman Brian Leetch headlined the list of 17 NHL players named Monday to the US Olympic hockey team.

Geoeral manager Lou Lamoriello and coach Ron Wilson selected the team that will compete in the 1998 Winter Games

next February at Nagano, Japan. The Olympic hockey "Dream Tournament" will be the first to feature NHL stars competing for their native countries as the professional league shuts down duriog the Games.

Three Chicago Blawkhawks - defeosemeo Chris Chelios and Gary Suter and forward Tony Amonte - were named to the team, the most representation of

any one NHL team. Mike Richter of the New York Rangers, who backstopped Team USA to the World Cup triumph, will be one of the goaltenders. He is joined in net by former Rangers teammate and Florida Panthers netminder John Vanbiesbrouck.

Phoenix Coyotes forwards Keith Tkachuk and Jeremy Roenick also made the squad. Rounding out the initial 17 selections are forwards Adam Deadmarsh of the Colorado Avalanche, Brett Hull of the St. Louis Blues, Mike Modano of the Dallas Stars, Joel Otto of the Philadelphia Flyers and Doug Weight of the Edmonton Oilers.

Defensemen include the Hatcher brothers, Derian from the Dallas Stars and Kevin from the Pittsburgh Penguins, and Mathieu Schneider of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

An additional six players will be named to the squad no later than December 1.

Lamoriello is general manager of the New Jersey Devils and Wilson, who coached Team USA to a stunning victory over Canada in the inaugural 1996 World Cup, is coach of the Washington Capitals.

Chelios, Tkachuk, Leetch and Richter all have Olympic experience. Chelios was a member of the 1984 team, while Leetch and Richter played on the 1988 team that reached the medal round. Tkachuk played on the 1992

Joining Wilson on the bench will be John Cuniff and Paul Holmgren of the World Cup coaching staff as well as USA Hockey National Coacb Jeff Jackson.

Canucks' defense porous

GREENSBORO, NC (AP) - All the Carolina Hurricanes needed to awake from a season-long offensive slump was a visit from the Vancouver Canucks.

The worst defensive club in the NHL allowed the Hurricanes two goals in a 46-second span in the first period, and two more in a nine-second span in the second period en route to a 5-3 Carolina victory Monday night.

Carolina goalie Trevor Kidd preserved the win with a point-blank save on Mike Sillinger with five minutes remaining and a glove save on a blast by Mattias Ohlund a minute later.

The Hurricanes, struggling on the ice and at the box office since moving from Hartford, Connecticut, in May, had to deal with another problem - the arrest of goaltender Sean Burke. The

ed Sunday on an assault charge against his wife Leslie and was left out of Monday night's line-Rangers 2, Oilers 2

Pat LaFontaine scored late in the second period as New York pulled off another comehack at Madison Square Garden.

LaFontaine's shot from in front of the oct at 15:10 saved the Rangers, who allowed the visiting team to score first for the eighth time in nine home games this season. The Rangers needed help from

Mike Richter on Mats Lindgren's point-blank shot from the slot with two minutes left in regulation to preserve the tie. New York's winless streak

reached four games (0-2-2) and the Oilers extended their unbeaten streak against the Rangers to five (2-0-3).

four-time team MVP was arrest-Monday's results: Carolina 5, Vancouver 3; Montreal 6, Dallas 4; Edmonton 2, N.Y.

Rangers 2; Philadelphia 5, St. Louis I.

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Garciaparra AL Rookie of the Year

EW YORK (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra was the unanimous winner of the American League Rookie of the Year award Mooday following one of the best seasons

ever by a shortstop.

Garciaparra bit .306 for the Boston Red Sox with 30 homers, 98 RBIs, 122 runs and 22 steals. He set major league records for most RBIs by a leadoff bitter and most homers by a rookie short-

stop.
The 24-year-old Garciaparra, the sixth unanimous winner of the AL Rookle award, received all 28 first-place votes and 140 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

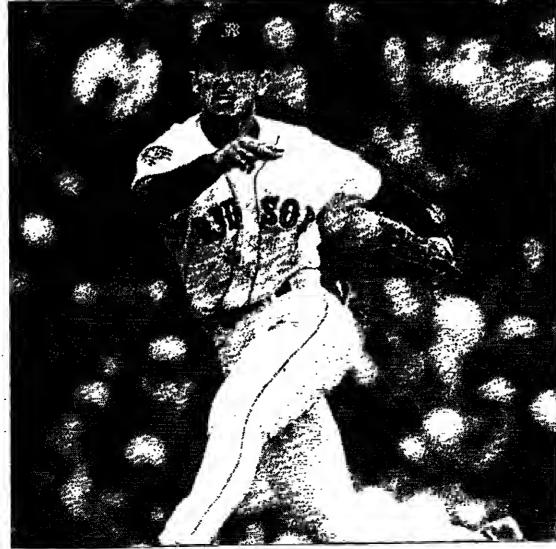
Other unanimous winners were Carlton Fisk (1972), Sandy Alomar Jr. (1990), Mark McGwire (1987) and Tim

Salmoo (1993).
Jose Cruz Jr., an outfielder traded from the Seattle Mariners to the Toronto Blue Jays, was second with 61 points, followed by Anaheim pitcher Jason Dicksoo (27), Detroit shortstop Deivi Cruz (12), Cleveland pitcher Jaret Wright (7) and Chicago White Sox outfielder

Mike Cameron (5). Ballots were cast before the postseason, in which Wright went

In a season where the Red Sox floundered, Garciaparra led the majors with 68 multihit games, and paced the AL with 209 bits and 11 triples. His 30-game hitting streak from July 26-August 29 set an AL rookie record; four more than Guy Curtright's previous

mark in 1943. Garciaparra hroke Johnny Pesky's Red Sox rookie record for hits (205 in 1942), and his 365 total bases broke Ted Williams' team rookie record Jensen in 1956. (344 in 1939). He also became



TOP OF THE CLASS - Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

the first Boston player to reach double figures io doubles, triples, homers and steals since Jackie

Garciaparra batted .241 in 24

games with the Red Sox in 1996. then won the shortslop job in spring training when John Valentin was moved to second

Garciaparra became the fifth Boston player to win the award. following Walt Dropo (1950), Don Schwall (1961). Fisk and Fred Lynn (1975).

Chiefs win on halfback option

KANSAS CITY (AP) - Marcus Allen's legs have carried him throughout a 16-year career. His arm carried the Kansas City Chiefs to a 13-10 victory Monday night over the Pittshurgh Steelers. Allen threw a 14-yard secondquarter touchdown pass to Danan Hughes, and the defense made it stand up, shutting down Kordell Siewart in a scoreless second half.

should have won by more as they remained a game behind Denver in the AFC West. But they'll take After Pittsburgh took a 10-0 first

The Chiefs (7-2) could have and

quarter lead, Kansas City scored 13 in the second quarter - Alleo's TD pass and field goals of 35 and 44 yards by Pele Stoyanovich. Then the Chiefs spent the second half moving up and down the

field hut making critical mistakes.

Allen fumbled backward after appeariog to make a first down on a fourth down at the Pittsburgh 4 early in the fourth quarter, and Kimble Anders fumbled away the hall as the Chiefs were driving later in the period.

But each time a defense led by Derrick Thomas, Anthony Davis and Jerome Woods shut down the Steelers. Stewart, who has had explosive second halves, was contained. Jerome Bettis, who finished 17 for 103 and went over 1,000 yards for the season, had only 35 on seven carries after gaining 68 in the first quarter.

The loss dropped Pittsburgh (6-3) into a tie for first in the AFC Central with Jacksonville. The game was delayed for more

than 10 minutes in the third quarter after Kansas City tight end Ted Popson was injured when he was hit under the jaw by the Steelers' Donnell Woolford. The preliminary diagnosis was mild head trauma and soreness in the neck.

Elvis Grbac, the Chiefs' starting quarterback, went off io the fourth quarter with a bruise to his left shoulder. He finished 16-of-29 for 172 yards. His backup, Rich Gannon, helped the Chiefs control the ball and run out the clock in the final minutes.
The Steelers, who have been

stronger in the second half this year, got off to an uncharacteristically fast start.

The touchdowo came first, seven minutes into the game on a 44-yard pass from Stewart to Courtney Hawkins on which two Chiefs missed Hawkins after he caught the ball about the 15.
Then Norm Johnson hit a 27-

yard field goal set up largely by a 30-yard run by Bettis after Woolford's interception of a Grbac pass.

But the second quarter belonged to Kansas City.

After Stoyanovich's two field goals, Woods picked off a Stewart pass and returned it 17 yards to the Pittsburgh 45. Four plays and 55 seconds later

from the 14, Grbac handed off to Allen, who floated a perfect spiral to Hughes, four yards behind the

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Sunday, November 9 Arizona at Dallas; Chicago at Minnesota ;

Cinconati at Indianapolis; Detroit at Washington; Kansas City at Jacksonville; New York lets at Miami; St. Louis at Green Bay; Tampa Bay at Atlanta; Carolina at Denver; New England at Buffalo; New Orleans at Oakland; New York Giants at Tennessee; Seattle at San Diego; Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Monday, November 10 San francisco at Philadelphia

Time for Colin to give us the Full Monty

damp squib, but Colin Montgomerie's final appearance European Golf Tour looked like shining through the Spanish gloom oo Sunday.

Rain may have intervened to cut short the Volvo Masters with a whole round still left to play, but in the warm and dry confines of the clubbouse, Monty was celebrating.
The eighth

place which the washout guaranteed for him secured his fifth successive

European title and in the process seemed to draw a neat line under a stage of his career when most observers will remember him as "the best payer never to win a Major."

On Sunday, Montgomerie looked ready to pack up his bags and try life on the US Tour next year — a move which many believed would make this complex, heart-on-his-sleeve Scotsman the finished article.

And yet 24 hours later we heard that Monty was still going to be playing the European Tour next year, albeit in a reduced number of tournaments as he flirted with the Stateside scene.

So wby oot the Full Monty for the USA? Only Montgomerie bimself knows but one can't help feeling he bas made a mis-

Sure, he doesn't need the money which the increased earning power of the US circuit can bring. Those five successful European wins bave seen to that. And trips home to Scotland from the likes of Pasadena are a darn sight barder than flying in

from Portugal. But surely Monty, the engaging, passionate man whose angry railing against the world is so often the feature of the second or third round of a Major, needs to try the US Tour to sink only not a few putts but a number of

misconceptions. Going to America won't necessarily pay dividends immediately for Monty but surely over time the exposure to a more competitive, tougher game would give him the final shot in

coincidence, but when compared with the likes of say Nick Faldo or Jesper Pamevik, Monty's CV still lacks that golden moment which moving to America seemed to give them.

Once they have tried the US. game payers seem to gain a percentage to their game which they couldn't get slogging around the corners of Europe (and other exotic locations) which the European Tour brings.
Only time will tell if

Montgomerie's decision is vindicated in the only way possibly

by picking up a Major next

De-Picated Wednesday Premier League side Sheffield Wednesday pushed the panic

It may all have ended in a button. So David Pleat was the first - with Gerry Francis, Roy Evans or Brian Little the next according to your preference. It must be November because the sacked Premiership manager is among us once again.

Showing all the illogical thought processes of countless cluhs before them, Sheffield Wednesday have parted compaoy with the man who has brought so much credit on the

club since be arrived at Hillsborough in June

Yes, Wednesday BY ANDY COOPER have bad a .dreadful start, winning just two of their 13

opening games, culminating in Saturday's 6-1 defeat at Manchester United But the fielde nature of soccer

was never illustrated better by the fact that one of the favorites to replace Pleat is none other than former Wednesday player Danny Wilson.

His current status? Manager of second from bottom Barnsley, winners of three in thirteen and whose last away game was also at Old Trafford where they "bettered" Wednesday's efforts,

going down 7-0. Why do clubs think by dropping the pilot they can change a plane with ostensibly the same components? It must be fan pressure which sways the beads of those in the boardroom. If they had any hearts they would surely see the stupidity of what they are doing.

As soccer becomes bigger and bigger business, then burns on seats is the name of the game. When the possessors of those posteriors cry "Pleat Out" often enough, the boards thinks it has to

But if soccer is business, how many other firms would give a man the money to install a completely refitted production line, then insists it becomes the best in the business inside a few months? Pleat is a decent man and an excellent coach and did not deserve to be treated so

Surely now he has fallen it won't be too long before the domino effect knocks over a few other big names? Crossed lines It may be a mentality thing, it for Kenny's campaign Kenny Dalglish is widely seen, in the public eye at least, as dour, taciturn and sparing with his lan-

> Not the first name who would soring to mind then as someone to advertise the telephone.

Which is wby his recent appearance on our TV screens advertising British Telecom is something of a master stroke.

It features Dalglish, making numerous phone calls to, on the face of it, congratulate the players. His daughter asks why be is doing such a thing when he is normally so reticent about such praise.

To which he replies, twinkle in the eye: "Who said anything about players - I'm ringing the crowdi

Reds, Magpies take on the Dutch

Man Utd at Feyenoord; Newcastle host Eindhoven in Champions' League matches

LONDON (Reuters) - Teams from six groups take to the pitch today in European Champions' League matches:

Group A Borussia Dortmund v Parma Dortmund Coach Nevio Seala bosts his former cluh, who were beaten 1-0 by Inter Milan in Serie A oo Saturday.

Parma beat Dortmund 1-0 last month but will be without injured Croat Mario Stanie. Striker Enrico Chiesa will be partnered by Argeotine Hernan Crespo. Champions Dortmund oeed to win to prevent their recent poor form which includes a defeat in the German Cup by third division Trier — becoming a full-blown crisis that could endanger Scala's

Galatasaray v Sparta Prague The Turkish champions, with no points so far, want to regain some pride after losing 3-0 to Sparta last month. They won their first away league match at the weekend but striker Hakan Sukur is suffering a goal drought. Romanian midfielder Gheorghe Hagi is off-form and defenders Hakan Unsal and Vedat Inceefe are suspeoded.Sparta are at full strength.

Group B Juventus v Kosice The Italians beat Kosice 1-0 last month and should not be unduly troubled at home after thrashing Udinese 4-1 in Serie A on Saturday.

Defender Paolo Montero and midfielder Angelo Di Livio are both out injured but otherwise Juventus are at full strength with goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi return-

The Slovaks have Peter Dzurik and Marek Spilar suspended and are likely to field their new attacking duo of Szilard Nemeth and Jozef Kozlej.

Fevenoord v Manchester United Feyenoord sacked coach Arie Haan last Tuesday and are unlikely to find a replacement before Wednesday, leaving Haan's assistant Geert Meyer and former captain John Metgod in charge.

The Dutch club, unimpressive at home this season, are without injured captain Henk Fraser.

Ryan Giggs, the only Manchester United player with a caution, bas a slight hamstring injury but should be fit, although there is a doubt over Denis Irwin's

Barcelona v Dynamo Kiev Dynamo have few injury worries in a squad that includes the bulk of the Ukrainian national team and leads the standings with seven

Injured defender Oleh Luzhny should be fit against the Spanlards who lost 3-0 in Kiev last month.

Barcelona bave goalkeeper Ruud Hesp suspended but Portuguese international Vitor Baia is set to return for the first time since a shoulder injury in

Brazilian striker Giovanni should start for the first time since the opening game of the season while coach Louis van Gaal is likely to tinker with the defence.

Newcastle United v PSV Eindhoven Newcastle are without suspeoded captain Robert Lee and England midfielder David Batty in a match that could take them back to the top of the group despite alarming defensive



HEAD TO HEAD - Borussia Dortmund Karl-Heinz Reidle (I) and Manchester United's Phil Neville clash during their Champions League semifinal match last year. Borussia beat United and won the title, beating Juventus in the final (Renters)

PSV have doubts over the fitness of winger Boudewijn Zenden and Belgian striker Gilles de

The match will be the last at PSV for Yugoslav midfielder Zeljko Petrovic, who is leaving for Japan. Group D

Porto v Rosenborg Troodheim The Portuguese, beaten in all three matches and yet to score, have Chippo and Fernando Mendez suspended. Troudheim striker Mini Jakobsen is suspended while top scorer Harald Brattbakk faces the distraction of reported interest from Scottish club Celtic. .

The Norwegians traveled to Portugal at the weekend to get in some practice on grass, unlike their usual indoor artificial turf in icy Troadheim.

Midfielder Roar Strand is doubtful while striker Tore Andre Dahlum, Jakobseo's likely

replacement, is nawell. Olympiakos v Real Madrid Olympiakos will be without sus-

pended Yugoslav midfielder Predrag Djordjevic while Real will be without suspended Brazilian international midfielder Roberto Carlos.

Olympiakos also have goalkeep-Dimitris Eleftheropoulos injured and will rely on Yugoslav striker Ilija Ivie and 17-year-old Ghanaian Peter Oforiquaye to

counter Real's attack. Real goalkeeper Bodo Illgner is suffering from lumbago and Santiago Canizares is likely to retain his place in goal.

Group E Paris St Germain v Bayern Munich Bayern, who humiliated PSG 5-1 two weeks ago, travel without injured libero Lothar Matthaeus and midfielder Thomas Strunz (groin strain).

Midfielder Mario Basler is carrying a booking and may also be rested by cautious coach Giovanni Trapattoni, whose side lead with a

maximum nine points. PSG will have a much-changed line-up. They are without iojured

Italian Marco Simone for at least a month, Patrice Loko is unfit and defensive midfielder Bruno N'Gotty is out for two weeks.

IFK Gothenburg v Besiktas Gothenburg Besiktas are still chasing their first Champions' League point amid reports that 37year-old goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli bas signed for the Miami Fusion of the US Major League

Besiktas are tired and bruised, according to the team physician, and Nigerian striker Daniel

Amokachi is injured. Coacb John Toshack bas told his men the match is their toughest so far: "From now on, I want you to sleep Gothenburg and wake up with Gothenburg."
The Swedes are without

Magnus Erlingmark while Besiktas have Erkan Avsereo suspended.

Group F Bayer Leverkusen v Sporting Lisbon Sporting coach Octavio Machado resigned on Sunday, leaving the Portuguese temporarily rudderless, but Bayer coach Christoph Daum reminded his men that their opponents have two of their best players back.

Inspirational captain Oceano Cruz and midfielder Pedro Barbosa are both back from suspension for Sporting but defender Roberto "Beto" Severo is out as the Portuguese seek to avenge last mooth's 2-0 defeat.

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Lierse v Monaco The Belgian club, thrasbed 5-1 in Monaco, managed just 65 minutes action at the weekend before their league game against Beveren was called off due to fog when they were 2-1

They have no injuries other than reserve goalkeeper Patrick Deman who has a fractured jaw.

Groop leaders Monaco have leftback Christophe Pignol doubtful but several key players return-

Midfielder Sylvain Legwinski may have to wear a face mask to protect a nose fracture.

Anwar's ton lifts Pakistan SA regional teams to contest Super 12

Pakistan romped home to an eightwicket win over the West Indies yesterday in the Quadrangular one-day tournament in Labore.

The West Indies made a modest total of 215 for seven after being sent in to bat while Pakistan raced oo to 219 for the loss of two wickets in 40.4 overs The Courtney Walsh-led West Indies finished the tournament with zero points from their three matches as they were beaten by both South Africa and Sri Lanka in their first two matcb-

The undefeated 164-run third wicket stand off 175 balls saw both the dashing left-handed Pakistani batsmen Aamer Sohail and Anwar playing some cracking hits to the fence. Anwar remained unbeaten on 108 off 13 fours and faced 129 balls, while Sohail also made a brilliant unbeateo 71 off 88 balls, which was studded with six fours.

"I struggled against South Africa in the Test series and in the first match of this tournament too," said Anwar. "But today I kept coneentrating on playing a big innings. Finally I achieved my

Anwar completed his century with 12 boundaries off 123 balls and now is only four short of Desmond Haynes 17 centuries world record in one-day Internationals.

The erring West Indian pacemen found it difficult to bowl tidily under the floodlights of Gaddafi

LAHORE (AP) — Opener Stadium with a large crowd of Saeed Anwar regained his lost form with a brilliant century as bome team.

Paceman Ian Bishop, playing his first match of the four-team competition, twice overstepped in his first over besides bowling three wides. Although the right-arm fast bowler got rid of out-of-form Ijaz Ahmed (5), be conceded 42 runs in five overs.

Earlier, West India's front-line batsmen fell cheaply as Pakistan restricted the visitors at 215 for

Phil Simmons and opener Stuart Williams helped West Indies to surpass the 200-mark with half centuries as rest of their batsmen could not reach the double figure mark. Simmons made 70 off 103 balls

while Williams cracked 10 fours in his 75 mms. After skipper Courtney Walsh lost his third toss, West Indies crumhled to 56 for four in only the 17th over of the innings, losing the key wickets of Brian Lara (7),

Shivnarine Chanderpaul (0) and Carl Hooper (1).
Simmons and Williams theo put on 74 runs for the fifth wicket off 100 balls before Mehmood broke

the partnership.

Batting sensation Brian Lara (7), on whom West Indies relies heavily, lasted for only 12 deliveries before he played on to paceman Waqar Younis in the 12th over of the innings with West Indies just

crossing their half century. Carl Hooper managed a single off 10 balls and became one of the two Saqlain Mushtaq's opening

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Extras (8-5, LB-11, W-5). Total (For 7 wks in 50 overs) 215
Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-51, 3-54, 4-56, 5-130, 6-166, 7-204 Did not bat: Mervyo Dillon and Coursey Walsh PARISTAN BOWLING (Overs-maidens-ruse-wickets) Wasim Akram...8-0-35-0 (3-W) Waqar Younis...10-1-42-2 (1-W) Saqfain Mushraq...16-0-35-3 Shabid Mridi...8-0-41-0 Aamer Schail...5-1-20-0 (1-W) Azhar Mekmood...9-1-26-2

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Points table at the completion of yesterday's match between Pakistan and West Indies: Tabulated as matches played, won, lost, tie, points, South Africa 2 2 0 0 4 +023 Sri Lanka: 1 1 0 0 2 +131 Pakistan 2 1 1 0 2 +0.44

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - South Africa The lucrative super 12 competition brings Free State as the dominant union in their own

will field four regional teams in oext year's prestigious Super 12 competition, the South African Rugby Football Union (SARFU) confirmed at its annual meeting yesterday.

The meeting rubber-stamped an earlier exec-

utive committee decision which had been challenged in court by provincial union, Natal. Natal, who reached the final of the event in 1996 and lost in this year's semifinals, has claimed that the regional plan has already cost

them \$754,000 in lost sponsorship. The court ruled only a SARFU annual meeting could make the decision.

together the top teams from South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

South Africa's four regional teams (oames yet to be finalized) will consist of: Highveld -Gauteng Lions, Free State, Northern Free State, Griqualand West; Cape - Western Province, Boland and South Western Districts, Coastal - Eastern Province, Border and Natal; North - Blue Bulls, North West, Gauteng Falcons, Mpumalanga.

A Free State proposal to lump together the Johannesburg and Pretoria-based teams of the Gauteng Lions and Blue Bulls, and so leave grouping, was defeated,

SARFU president Louis Luyt was re-elected for another two-year term, claiming 33 of the 47. votes available. His challengers Keith Parkinson (Natal) and Mluleki George (Border) each polled seven votes and were subsequently voted off the union's executive committee.

Junior vice-president professor Johan Claassen (North West) did not stand for reelection. Silas Nkanunu (Eastern Province) was elected as senior vice-president, while Tobie Tisus (Western Province) will take over

Zola looking to regain his Italy place

LONDON (Reuters) - Gianfranco Zola is determined to shine for Ruud Gullit's Chelsea to ensure that he doesn't spend another World

Cup game oo the bench.

The diminutive Italian forward suffered a freezing night in Moscow last Wednesday as a substitute during Italy's 1-1 World Cup play-off The chilly experience has given Zola extra incentive to prove to coach

Cesare Maldini that he is worth a starting place for the return game in Naples on November 15 – where he started his career. And that means runing it on for Chelsea this week against Tromso in the Cup Winners' Cup tomorrow and West Ham on Sunday. Zola, whose recent form has been below that which earned him the prestigious English Footballer of the Year award last season said on Monday: "I've got a Cup-Winners' Cup match and a Premier League game coming up in which to make up ground on the other Italian for-

wards. I want to convince the coach that I deserve the Italian shirt." Zola admits be was upset to be left out against Russia. He explained: "It was a tactical problem - the same thing that curbed me against England. At Chelsea, I often play as the third forward dropping just behind two strikers and also on the left. But at the Olympie sta-

dium it didn't work like this. "We are looking ahead to Naples where there will be a different atmosphere to Moscow, and we'll play a different game.

Israeli lawn bowlers Jersey-bound

Israeli Bowlers are on their world tournaments – Bransky as singles runner-up in the 1985 mation tournament in Jersey way to participate in a sixnation tournament in Jersey beginning Saturday.

For Israel this will be a maid-

en appearance in unknown ter-Five women and five men will

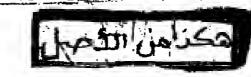
play competitive bowls on a carpeted surface and will be up against top bowlers from England, Wales, Ireland, Guernsey and Jersey; players who spend the better part of the year indoors away from the British winters.

Only Cecil Bransky and Jeff Rabkin have indoor bowls experience by personal invitations to

The tournament commences on November 8th with pairs and triples followed with singles and

George Kaminsky and Arlene Rubin contest the singles the other members of the men's and women's team being Yair Lieberthal, Yair Bekier, Colin Silberstein, Michael Stanger, and Shirley Kantor, Rene Kusman, Tammy Kamzel and Naomi Fix, who is replacing originally selected Shelly Haviv. Team manager is Seymour

Sports Editors: Joe Hoffman & Ori Lewis





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Aston Villa advance, Liverpool out

BIRMINGHAM (AP) - Aston Villa moved into the third round of the UEFA Cup with a 2-1 victory yesterday over Spain's Athletic Bilbao after the clubs played a scoreless draw two weeks ago in the first leg.

Ian Taylor put Villa ahead in the 28th minute, capitalizing on a grave mistake by Athletic Bilbao goalkeeper Imanol Etxeberria.

Etxeberria, leaping high to cut off a cross from his right, failed to handle the hall and let it fall loose at his feet as Taylor moved in and scored from six meters.

Dwight Yorke, who had shot just wide minutes earlier, scored from 16 meters in the 50th minute as he took a pass from Taylor and then faked out a Spanish defender to score with a low, ground-hugging shot.

The second goal fired up Bilbao and made the final 40 minutes interesting after a boring first half and a scoreless draw in the first

Spanish international Julen Guerrero entered as a substitute and almost immediately fired a point-hlank shot in the 54th on Villa goalkeeper Mark Bosnich.

Substitute Javi Gonzalez made it 2-1 in the 70th on a half volley from 18 meters that deflected in off Villa defender Gareth Southgate.

Bosnich had to make several key saves in the final 20 minutes including one off a close-in header in the 82nd minute as the Spaniards pressed constantly.

In other English UEFA Cup action yesterday, Strasbourg dumped Liverpool 3-2 on aggregate after the English club threw everything they had at their French opponents but failed to find three goals at Anfield.

Former European Cup winners Liverpool dominated the secondround second-leg 2-0, taking a 63rd-minute penalty by Robbie Fowler and an 85th-minute goal by German midfielder Karl-Heinz Reidle, who was also fouled for the spot-kick.

His goal set up a desperate finale to a match that could easily have seen Liverpool four or five goals ahead but for an exceptional night Strasbourg goalkeeper Alexander Vencel

It was the second season in a row that Liverpool had been knocked out by a French club and the second that they had narrowly failed in make up a 3-0 first leg

Lyon 1, Inter Milan 3 Francesco Moriero scored two goals to pace Inter Milan to a 3-1 victory over Lyon. Inter advances on a 4-3 aggre-

OFI 3, Auxerre 2

Nikos Papadnpoulos scored two goals for OFI Crete. Despite the loss, the French team advanced to the next round of the competition on 5-4 aggre-

Auxerre had won 3-1 the first leg in France two weeks ago. Rastia 3, Steaua Bucharest 2

Bastia rallied in the second half to win, hut Steaua Bucharest advanced on an away goal deci-

Steaua Bucharest won the first leg 1-0 at home. After the second leg both teams were tied 3-3 on total goals but the Romanians scored twice in the opening half in Bastia behind two goals by Catalin Munteanu.

Dinamo Tbilisi 0, Braga 1 Toni Duarte scored the only goal to lead Braga.



OF THE SAME MIND - Dutch Twente Enschede defender Niels Kamphuis (r) duels for the hall with Danish AGF striker Carsten Hallum in their UEFA Cup second-round, second-leg match in Enschede. Enschede goes through on the away goals

The Georgian cluh led the attack in the first period, hut was unable to break through Braga's defense. In the first-leg game two weeks

ago, Braga demolished Dinamo Tbilisi 4-0. Enschede 0, Aarhus 0

thanks to the away goal rule after drawing 0-0 with Denmark's AGF

A goal away from home in the first leg's 1-1 draw was enough to

see the Dutch side through. Allan Resse nearly broke the deadlock for Aarhus in the 55th minute but his curling right-foot shot crashed into the bar after beating Twente goalkeeper Sander Boschker.

Twente had the best chance of the first half when Ansar Ajoupov headed on a corner from the right by Theo ten Caat only to see Michael Nonbo clear it from the

Aarhus's best chance before the break came in the 21st minute when Jesper Soerensen split open Twente's defense with a long pass but goalkeeper Boschker beat Lars Lamback in a race for the ball.

UEFA Cup second-round, second-leg results
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Hiden (V) 23, Markus Puerk (V) 62, Mirostav Servic
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aggregate.

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In Moscow: Dynamo Thilisi (Georgia) 0, Braga (Portugal) 1, Sorer: Toni (49) Halframe: 0-0; Attendance: 15,000. Braga vin 5-6 on aggregate. In Ernschecke: Twente Enschede (Metherlands) 0, Aarhus (Denmark) 0. Attendance: 12,500. Aggregate store 1-1, Twente vin on away goals rule.
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Ivanisevic: No more Davis Cup for Croatia

ZAGREB (AP) - Croatia's most famous sportsman. Goran Ivanisevic, said yesterday that he will no longer play Davis Cup tennis for his country after a row over who controls Croatian tennis.

The quarrel reportedly went as far as avid tennis fan President Franjn Tudjman, with Ivanisevie appealing in vain to Tudiman to intervene.

Instead. Croatian Tennis Association boss Suad Rizvanbegovic has reportedly threatened to order Ivanisevic drafted into the Croatian army.

Ivanisevic, currently No. 4 in the ATP rankings, told the daily Sportske Novosti he was quitting Davis Cup play because of havoc in the Croatian Tennis Association and differences with its Rizvanbegovic.

"As long as Suad Rizvanbegovic is president of the CTA, I will not play in the Davis Cup," Ivanisevic

Last month, Rizvanbegovic, a top execurive in Croana's largest insurance company, ousted the selector of the national squad, former tennis pro Zeljko Franulovic.

Ivanisevic and Franulovic together own the Croatian Open tournament. The tennis star claimed that Rizvanbegovic was out to clear the Tennis Association of critics, including Ivanisevic's father Srdjan, who resigned after Franulovic's ouster.

As the rift in Croatian tennis rew, Ivanisevic sought support from Tudjman, an avid tennis player and fan who rarely misses a hig match in Croatia and has actively intervened in the country's soccer, changing the name of Zagreb's best team.

"I have used my fame and popularity in tournaments throughout the world, with a headband of the Croatian flag across my forehead, and won countless victories for our fledgling country," Ivanisevic said.

One year of military service is mandatory for men in Croatia above the age 18. Exceptions are often made for athletes who are expected in return to act as goodwill ambassadors for Croatia, and to play for its national squads.

Earlier this year, basketball star Toni Kukoc nf the Chicago Bulls, was ordered to report to the Defense Ministry concerning his military duties. The call coincided with announcements by Kukoc that he was retiring from Croatia's national team.

Croats were outraged, and offi-cials eventually withdrew the order to Kukoc and apologized. Stockholm Open

Boris Becker swept aside third seed Carlos Moya 6-4, 6-3 in the first round yesterday.

Becker, four times a winner of the tournament, led the first set 5-2 but Spain's Moya battled to hold on until the German served out in the 10th game.

In the second set, Becker broke Moya in the first game but his opponent immediately broke back. However, Becker stormed through the rest of the match for his first victory against the Spaniard in three meetings.

Two Swedes moved into the second round of the Open.

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Rock and rolling in money

avid Bowie was named last week Britain's richest rock star, with a personal fortune of £550 million (NIS 3,300m.), putting him ahead of Paul McCartney for the first

In the first survey of its kind, Business Age magazine said the former Beatle had earned £520m., while heart-throb balladeer Tom Jones was third with

Bowie, whose hits in a 30-year career include "Life on Mars,"
"Rock 'n' Roll Suicide" and "The Man Who Sold the World," broke new financial ground this year with a \$55m. Wall Street bond issue secured against his back catalog.

Unlike many rock stars who saw their wealth slip away in a haze of drink and drugs, Bowie took firm control of his finances during the 1980s, putting behind him the excesses of his earlier years.

McCartney's wealth continues to grow, despite the fact that the Beatles broke up over a quarter of a century ago

Last year was the most commercially successful ever for the defunct band as fans rushed to huy the "Anthology" records. which sold 13 million copies,

Tom Jones's position in third slot was "largely due to his live performances in the United States over the past 25 years and a quite incredible work rate," Business Age said.

It estimated that during the course of his career, the Welsh singer had earned £750m. from performances, singles, alhums and business interests

Business Age said Britain's 50 richest pop stars were, all together, worth nearly £3.8 hillion.

The magazine compiled the list hy examining the company accounts, record sales and other earnings of major British pop acts over the past 35 years...

Most of them laid down the basis of their wealth in careers that began in the 1960s. Britain's latest pop sensation, The Spice Girls, are in 42nd place, with £14.5m. for each of the five band members.

Apart from The Spice Girls, there are only two women in the top 50 - Annie Lennox at 34 with £26m. and Kate Bush at 38 with

The British pop top 20 1. David Bowie - £550m.

2. Paul McCartney - £520m.
3. Tom Jones - £275m. 4. Phil Collins - £220m.

5. Elton John - £200m. 6. Mick Jagger - £135m. . Eric Clapton - £120m. . George Harrison - £105m.

Sting – £97m.
 Keith Richards – £96m.

11. George Michael - £95m. 12. Ringo Starr - £93m. Mark Knopfler – £85m.
 Dave Gilmour – £75m.

Roger Waters – £70m. 16. Rod Stewart - £66m.

17. Robert Plant - £60m. 18. Jimmy Page - £55m. 19. Cliff Richard - £52m.

20. Charlie Watts - £50m.



David Bowie: 'The Man Who Sold the World,' is worth NIS 3,300m. (File Photo: Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

The 'mindless' way to play classical music

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

√larinetist Richard Stoltzman is a man of many parts: baseball fan, cordon-bleu pastry chef, promoter of contem-porary music, and occasional jazz

and "crossover" artist. But none of those brought him

Stoltzman is preparing for his Israel debut as the featured soloist with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and others. He has brought to scores of recordings a stylistic versatility that has brought him a growing resume of accolades.

In addition to Stoltzman's performances with the JSO tonight and Thursday, he joins the Jerusalem Quartet on Saturday night for a program of chamber music. Composer-conductor Lukas Foss will be on the podium for the JSO performances which will include his Clarinet Concerto, dedicated to Stoltzman.

"At one point he gives instructions to play 'mindlessly,' ' Stoltzman says of Foss's composition. "I asked him what that means, and he said, 'You have to sound prinvolved, more removed and dreamy.' Then at another point, I have to play 'with obsession. At the end, the musicians

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motions of making music hut actually are not playing at all. It is intriguing and kind of humorous."

Stoltzman says he feels privileged to be playing a piece under the baton of its composer, but only up to a point. "When composers conduct, they are involved in listening to their work and they are lost in their creation. They listen to themselves being revealed."

Stoltzman and the JSO are also performing a nine-minute piece by Leonard Bernstein originally written for hig band.

The clarinetist is a champion of contemporary music, having commissioned numerous concerti and chamber-music works. "But I have to fight to play new music, because many presenters and orchestras are just not interested in this."

Audiences generally avoid contemporary music as well. "It makes no sense," Stoltzman says. "After all, people enjoy traveling to new places and finding exotic things. They should hope for the same feeling in the concert hall."

NEW EXPERIENCES were not exactly what Stoltzman was seeking when, as a Yale University student in 1965, he started learning to

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find variety in it, enjoying the spices it can give us," he recalls. "Music should take its cue from

and conductor continue with the "I had this teacher there, Earle living, he said, and he made all his students come to his home and cook occasionally."

When Stoltzman began performing regularly in London, he used to give recitals at the Wigmore Hall. "The cordon-hlen school was right around the corner, and 1 took lessons there." Now, whenever be has time, he gets into the kitchen and whips up treats for his wife, Lucy, and children Margaret and Peter. "We all love dessents,"

The experience that most concerns Stoltzman is that of creating music for a live audience. "But younger people are not as familiar with the excitement [generated by an] orchestra. Maybe music in general is not that special [for young people] any more. These youngsters hear music everywhere: in the elevators, in airplanes, in shopping malls, wherever they go. But I'm sure youngsters who are taken to the symphomy hall will immediately realize its

In spite of his preference for symphonic musie, Stoltzman is as comfortable playing jazz and crossover music as he is the standard and contemporary classical repertoire. "I don't know really what this word 'style' means. Music should be communicative;

special charm."

that's why composers write it. 1 play only music I care for, music I feel I can communicate which I of Teibele, Rehearsals for a revival cannot play music which doesn't of Yehoshua Sobol's. Ghetto, speak to me or which am not part

That is why Stoltzman does not play klezmer music. "I'm not Jewish, although I was once listed as a Jewish musician. I was often asked to do klezmer, but in order to do it I would have to study i and like it and become more involved with it.

"I had a student, Joel Ruhin, who began playing klezmer because of me, so he said, because I always teach my students to try new things. He went on to study in Israel and then he inaugurated his own klezmer band in Berlin of all places.

This is quite ironic, I must admit." Meanwhile, the baseball fan is weighing his options. He doesn't go to as many games as he did when he moved with his family to Boston 12 years ago. We somewhat got disillusioned with the big strike," he says. "These guys were earning astronomic amounts of money and yet they wanted even more.

He then playfully adds, "Who knows? Last night, the Celtics won their season opener against the Bulls. Maybe I'll switch to basketball now."

A 'Demon in Haifa

By HELEN KAYE

ewitched, bothered and bewildered is a good way to describe Teibele and Her Demnn, which opens at the Haifa Theater tomorrow. It's not a bad way to describe the theater either, or at least it was until September 1 when Roni Pinkowitz, 32, took over as general manager from Oded Kottler.

Teibele is based on two stories hy Nobelist Isaac Bashevis Singer. who wrote the play with Eve Friedman. As do all Singer tales. Teibele prohes the suhlimated eroticism and superstition in the 19th-century Jewish communities of the Eastern European shtetl.

Teibele (Maya Maoz) is a young aguna for whom remarriage is forhidden by Halacha. Elhanan (Moshe Beker) is a penniless yeshiva student in love with her. Singer spins a web of fantasy, passion and deceit that ends in

"Extraordinary people who live in a narrow world of taboos and superstitions have to find an outlet for their desires," director Mikhail Resnikovich says of the main characters in Teibele, which he calls "an uninhihited and universal love story."

Resnikovich, making his local directorial dehur, has directed the play at the Kiev National Theater, where be is general director. He grew up in the same small Polish town that is the setting for the

This is Pinkovitz's first production as head of the theater where he was in-house director until he went to study for his MA in theater management at Middlesex University in the UK last year. Pinkowitz was the compromise choice to run the Haifa Theater. Former HT general manager Oded Kottler, who resigned last May, was grooming him for the post, but he was an outsider candidate as far as the board was concerned. They wanted actor Doron Tavori, hut Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna didn't. Tavori was too elitist he said. Mitzna prevailed.

Pinkowitz has wasted no time. Between almost endless meetings, he has supervised the production



'Teibele and Her Demon' is 'an uninhibited and universal love story,' says director Mikhall Resnikovich. (Eyal Landes

which the author will direct, get underway next week.

"I received the season pretty well planned," says Pinkowitz," adding pointedly, "and in the Israel of 1997 we need to honor agreements."

He has made a two-year master plan for himself and the theater. He wants, like Ofira Henig is doing at the Jerusalem Khan, to go back to the concept of an acting ensemble rather than hiring stars per production. He wants "a stable of young writers and a pool of people from cinema, TV and the literary world so we can get some ferment going here. I'd like to present lots of works in progress next

However, there's still a little administrative confusion. Pinkowitz thought he would be artistic director and No. 1 in the theater with a general manager alongside but subordinate to him "like [Yevgeny Arye and Ori Levy] at the Gesher Theater. It's not good the other way around."

Pinkowitz doesn't make a hig. deal of things; he likes to concentrate on priorities, which at the moment is to bring audiences back to the Haifa Theater which, for the last year or so, has limped along on mainly imports and reruns of its most successful show ever, Edna Mazia's Games in the Backyard.

The administration? "We'll work it out. Pinkowitz says

CLASSIC DISCS

Bach at his best

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

live new Bach discs from Hanssler Classic showcase the composer at his stylistically versatile best. Each of these discs is a gem in its own right, all performed by first-rate musicians who are deeply involved in the stylistic approach to the music they play. Each disc is a most enjoyable effort, enabling one to enjoy a particular facet of Bach's multifaceted musical canon. Together these five discs provide a musical experience that is both rewarding and uplifting.

Since much of Bach's music was written to be performed in church, most of his choral pieces were sacred music. But he also wrote some secular cantatas. The account of the more well-known Coffee and the less frequently performed Hunt cantatas by Helmuth Rilling and his Gächinger Kantorei Stuttgart with the Bach Collegium Stuttgart (98.161) is delightful.

If you are not acquainted with these works, you might get lost in the all-too-familiar choral style and believe you are yet again in Bach's liturgical world. But follow the words closely or, even better, listen more carefully to the music and you will at once be enguifed in an obviously secular piece, very dramatic in nature - a virtual mini-opera.

This is also true for the cantata The Cantest Between Phoebus and Pan (Geschwinde, Ihr Wirbelenden Winde), which Rilling and his forces perform in

and the two discs are a worthy addition to Rilling's impressively growing choral output on disc and n the concert hall.

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Which is the proper keyboard instrument on which to play Bach's music - the organ, the piano or the harpsichord? Musicians and musicologists will never agree on one answer, and perhaps music-lovers are the better for it. In this way, we can enjoy musicians who play all these instruments to delve deep into Bach's immense musical legacy.

Kay Johannsen plays six Bach trio sonatas on organ (98.113). The result is one of the most captivating discs I have heard in a

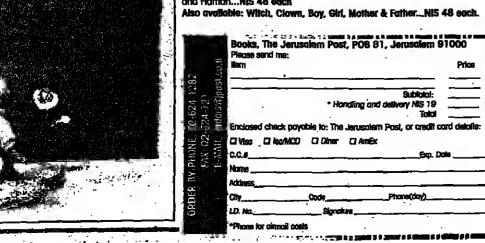
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The wide scope of the organ, often sounding like a wind ensemhle and not a single instrument, is simply amazing. And the musicianship of the performer provides a rendition that is anything but academic, as many organ performances tend to be.

Harpsichordist Robert Hill plays in a lighter vein when he accom-panies violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky in Bach's six violin sonatas (98.154). This is another highly enjoyable recording, in which the keyboard is somewhat of a "second fiddle" to the violin. Sitkovetsky is in fine form, but his playing is not always as involved as one might like.

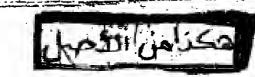
Playing Bach on the piano is a sort of compromise between the organ and the harpsichord, which does not always work to the best. Yet Czaja Sager manages to play the Italian Concerto, the French Overture and four duets in a very Bachlike style which is a pure pleasure (98.116).

themselves through role playing, and puppets have long been n child's most beloved postime. This cleverty designed Stan Ross - trumpet, Amnon Ben Artzi - Trombone. tabric theater is up and ready for play in Staz Konim - clarinet, Larry Brandt - banjo, Zeke Benson minutes, can hang in any standard drums, Evelyn Tamary - piano, Donna Radin - guitar, doorway (comes with 70 to 90 cm an exciting and dramatic way (98.162). The soloists in both Pancho Blumenstein - bass. adjustable tension rad) and ralls up for easy storage. Punch and Judy move overl these recordings are exceptional, Puppet Theater (w:76cm x H:1.72cm)_ws 150 IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST Order these ingenious marionettes designed for our theater. Hand crafted, easy to use. Royal family includes King, Queen, Royal Horse, Mordechal Also available: Witch, Clown, Boy, Girl, Mother & Father...NIS 48 each. THIS LAST WEEKS ON WEEK WEEK CHARTS





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MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Lukas Foss, who was the music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA in the mid-'70s, returns to the orchestra for a program featuring orchestral excerpts from Mozart's Don Giovanni and Schumann's fourth symphony, as well as two compositions for clarinet and orchestra, Leonard Bernstein's Prelude, Fugue and Riffs and Foss's own second clarinet concerto dedicated to Richard Stoltzman, who will be the soloist on this occasioo. Tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Henry Crown Auditorium in Jerusalem with a preconcert lecture an hour carlier.

It's opera time yet again io the south as the Israel Sinfonietta Beershcha contioues its opera gcms series with an evening showcasing clever female servants and their less sophisticated male masters. Soprano Sharon Rostorf and hass Elli Gornsteio sing arias and duets from Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro and Cosi fan tutte, as well as Rossini's Il barbiere di Siviglia in the first part of the concert. After the intermission they perform Pergolesi's delightful romp La serva padrona. Dan Ettinger is on the podium. Tonight io Ashkeloo, tomorrow and Saturday in Beersheba (8:30).

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Not one but two shows to choose from. In Jerusalem it's the Jerusalem English Speaking Theater (JEST) production of Nicholas Wright's Mrs. Klein starring Dawn Nadel in the title role, with Rebecca Gillis as her daughter Melitta and Myriam Roth as Paula, a would-be patient. The real Melanie Klein was a noted child psychoanalyst, and director Bruce Oppenheimer is himself a psychotherapist. So hrush up your neuroses and go to the Little Theater at the Jerusalem Theater. Tonight and tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

Brian Friel's plays have found audiences worldwide because although they're set in Friel's native Ireland, they touch on the buman condition everywhere. The Charlestown Players, brought over by the Israel-Ireland Friendship League, present a single performance of Friel's The Aristocrats, a story of decline and the need to face reality. Tonight only at Yad Lebanim, Ra'anana at 8:15.

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The JSO plays Lukas Foss's second clarinet concerto.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** L.A. CONFIDENTIAL - This glamorous-looking thriller takes place in early 1950s Southern California and follows several poliec officers as they become embroiled in the investigation of a violent plot that links corrupt city officials, organized crime figures and a whole twisted weh of millionaires, prostitutes and snaky celebrity journalists. Based on the bestseller by James Ellroy and directed hy Curtis (The River Wild) Hanson, the picture aspires to and in some ways achieves a certain moody artfulness and depth that one wouldn't necessarily expect of this particular director at this particular time. But to say is perhaps to damn with faint praise. To call this picture the most subtle sort of crime-drama that Hollywood is capable of dishing out right oow may not sound like much of a compliment. Then again, compared with the average infantile sboot-'em-up to jet oor way from the West Coast of America today, the film seems downright inspired, a truly sophisticated entertainment. With Kevin Spacey, Kim Basinger, Russell Crowe and many others.

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Debussy: Printe

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12:00 Light Classical - Rossin: William Tel

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3:00 Golden Generation - Busch Quartet Beethoven Quartet op 59/3 Rasumovsky; Schubert: Quartet in B flat D112

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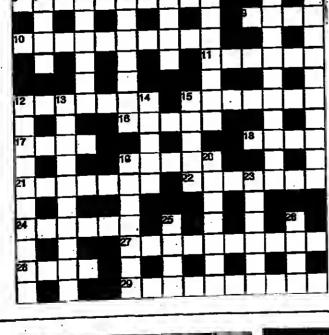
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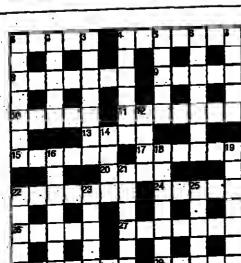
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US pledges to keep military aid intact

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - US Secretary of Defense William Cohen said yesterday that the Clinton Administration would preserve Israel's \$1.8b military assistance package in next year's budget. The amount centered on the IDF's modemization plans over the next eight to 10 years, Cohen told Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

"We have looked at their overall requirements in terms of aircraft, other types of equipment, field equipment. And I think it's a very responsible proposal over a very long period," Cohen said.

He also said he had accepted Mordechai's invitation and would visit Israel next month.

The two had a lengthy discussion on the Iranian nuclear and missile threat. Mordechai said that they

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Cohen for their efforts to reduce the Iranian threat.

Mordechai told Israeli reporters that the Pentagon met all of Jerusalem's requests.

On the peace process, Mordechai said the US's political, economic and technological assistance to Israel "certainly enables us to feel strong, adds to stability in the Middle East and prevents any force from unleashing its force upon us."

Cohen said that "the most important thing for the State of Israel is to remain secure, that if Israel is secure, then it can proceed with negotiations for peace.

"And to the extent that Israel is not secure, then I think that would inhibit the peace process itself. So

saw "eye-to-eye" on the matter. He I think the most important thing is thanked President Bill Clinton, to maintain our pledge to help Israel maintain its security and safety, and from a position of military capability, to defend itself, to then negotiate a peaceful resolu-tion in the Middle East."

Mordechai also said that Israelis had no reason to fear any repercussions from the Iraqi dispute with the UN and the US over the weapons inspection regime.

He told a Pentagon press conference after the meeting with Cohen, that the government is following the situation closely and is confident that the US will "take the right steps.'

"I don't think the citizens of Israel should be concerned. Residents of the State of Israel can relax.... I don't think there's any concrete threat that Israelis should be wor-

Shahak: Yassin more militant since release

By LIAT COLLINS

Since Sheikh Ahmed Yassin's release from prison last month, his statements have grown more militant and he is now the center of gravity in Gaza, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

The Palestinian Authority is aware that Yassin's release has strengthened Hamas, Shahak said. A senior intelligence officer

said the PA is doing more to fight Minister Yevgeny Primakov. terror, but there is still no intensive action against the terror infrastructure.

His statements caused Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak to say that the constant changes in the analyses regarding PA action on terror are being cynically used by Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu.

Sbahak also said the Iran-Russian Shihab 3 long-range missile project is continuing, despite the denials by Russian Foreign

Shahak said that due to diplomatic and economic interests, cooperation between Russia and Iran is likely to go on. But because of pressure on them, they will hide it and it will become increasingly difficult to assess its true scope.

Syria, the intelligence officer said, continues to improve its military capabilities, even as it pursues the diplomatic option. It recently received 50 T-55 tanks from Ukraine and is scheduled to receive 200 more.

Shuhada St. opens to Palestinian buses

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Despite protests from Hebron settlers, the IDF announced yesterday that Palestinian buses could join other Arab vehicles permitted to travel down a

key access route to the city's Jewish enclave. Shuhada Street was opened to Palestinian automobiles and municipal vehicles last week. Buses were permitted on the road as of yesterday.

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who visited the area yesterday and met with IDF commanders, including OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, said the reopening of the road to Palestinian

traffic seemed to be running smoothly.

Jewish leaders in Hebron charged that the Arab

traffic was a threat to their security. Shalom responded by stressing that IDF troops in Hebron must continue to safeguard the Jewish community, especially since Sbuhada Street is the only access route to the Jewish community.

Shalom rejected demands by Hebron settlers to build 300 housing units in the area, saying that while he supports construction throughout Israel, their request was not realistic. He said that any additional building in Hebron would have to be done according to the community's natural proportions.



Remembering in Romania

Iulian Sorin (left) a leader of the Romanian Jewish Communities, and Rabbi Menahem Hacohen, acting chief rabbi of Romania, yesterday unveil a plaque in Bucharest honoring the victims of a 1941 pogrom in the Romanian capital.

Catholic official repudiates report on PA persecution of Christians

By HAIM SHAPIRO

A Catholic official yesterday characterized a government report, which said that Christians are being persecuted by the Palestinian Authority, as being baseless.

The unsigned report said that cemeteries are being vandalized, churches are being burglarized and Islamic militants fearlessly harass Christian youngsters.

But Wadie Abu-Nassar, director of the Great Jubilee 2000 office of the Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land, said he had personally checked every case of alleged persecution mentioned in the report, but could find

no basis for the allegations. For example, he said, the report had-said that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat had summarily taken over a building belonging to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate as his headquarters in Bethlehem. Abn-Nassar said that officials of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate at the highest level had insisted they had invited Arafat.

The report also suggested that Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah is, in effect, a spokesman for the PA. Abu-Nassar said that it was only natural that the patriarch should speak out about the concerns fac-

ing his community.
"He has always spoken of the problems of his faithful and the fact is that the Palestinian have more problems than others," Abu-Nassar said.

Abu-Nassar added it is true there were some incidents of action against Christians - in the autonomous areas. But they were not carried out by the PA, but by

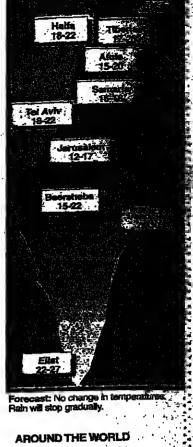
"childish elements." In fact, he added, there is a high percentage of Christians in leading PA positions.

Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav met with Vatican Ambassador Archbishop Andrea Montezemolo yesterday to plan for a massive influx of Christian pilgrims expected to mark the year

The Holy Land's Council of Bishops is scheduled to meet next week in Jerusalem to discuss arrangements for the millennium. Montezemolo said he would examine the possibility of using Church land to erect temporary accommodations for the pilgrims.

Katsav told the papal envoy that he will receive the Israel 2000 Report on the preparations within the next two weeks -- -

Jay Bushinsky contributed to this report.



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Winning cards and numbers

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In yesterday's first daily Chance. drawing, the winning cards were the eight of spades, the king of hearts, the nine of diamonds and

the ace of clubs. In the second drawing, the win-ning numbers were the seven of spades, the king of hearts, the jack of diamonds and the eight of

In the weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were one, four, 16, 17, 32 and 45. The supplementary number was 20.

